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SC refers electoral bonds case to 5-judge Constitution Bench

Top court cites 'importance of issue' for the decision; says it received plea seeking the shift; the case, as scheduled earlier, will be listed on Oct. 31

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

In a quick turn of events, Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud on Monday referred the challenge to the validity of the electoral bonds scheme, which facilitates anonymous donations to political parties, to a Constitution Bench of five judges.

During the oral mentioning hour, the Chief Justice said the court had received a plea to refer the case from the three-judge Bench to a larger Bench.

He said the case would now go before a five-judge Bench owing to the "importance of the issue". The case, as scheduled in an earlier hearing on October 10, will be listed on October 31.

By refusing to delay the hearing for the formation of a five-judge Bench, the court has sent a clear message to the government that it does not intend to delay the hearing any more. The case has been pending in the Supreme Court for over eight years now. "We are here to decide the case," Chief Justice Chandrachud observed in the October 10 hearing.

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Contentious scheme

The anonymity that electoral bonds allow in political donations has caused concern ever since its introduction in 2018

- CPI(M), Association for Democratic Reforms and Common Cause move the Supreme Court claiming the scheme legalises anonymous and unlimited political donations
- The Finance Act, 2017 exempts electoral bonds from disclosure under the Representation of the People Act, 1951
- Petitioners say 95% of the electoral bonds sold have been in favour of one political party

HC acquits accused in Nithari killings, cites shoddy probe

Ishita Mishra
NEW DELHI

The court said the possible involvement of organ trade in the case was not investigated

The Allahabad High Court on Monday acquitted the two accused in the serial murders at Nithari village of Noida in 2006, citing shoddy probe by investigating agencies.

A Bench of Justices Ashwani Kumar Mishra and Syed Aftab Husain Rizvi, which allowed the appeals filed by the accused, acquitted them of all charges. The trial court had awarded the death penalty to the main accused, Surinder Koli, and co-accused, Moninder Singh Pandher.

While Koli, who was the domestic help at Pandher's house, was acquitted in 12 cases, his employer was acquitted in two.

The court expressed disappointment at the investigation, particularly into the disappearance of the first victim. It said the case of the prosecution was totally based on the confession of the accused.

"The casual and perfunctory manner in which important aspects of arrest, recovery, and confession have been dealt with are most disheartening, to say the least," the Bench said.

The investigating agency, it said, failed to probe the possible involvement of organ trade, despite specific recommendations made by a high-level committee constituted by the Union Women and Child Development Ministry.

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State Escoms to get 1,100 MW of power

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Amidst shortage of power in the face of poor monsoon in the State, Electricity Supply Companies (Escoms) in Karnataka will receive an extra 1,100 MW of power from private power generators.
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Response time of Hoysala patrol vehicles improves

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From 13 minutes, the response time of Hoysala operations has been brought down to 7.15 minutes. The coordination of the control room staff also played a vital role. » Page 2

I-T Dept. seizes jewellery and ₹94 crore in cash during searches across States

Devesh K. Pandey
NEW DELHI

The Income-Tax Department has seized about ₹94 crore in "unaccounted-for" cash and jewellery estimated at over ₹8 crore during searches against some government contractors, real estate developers, and their associates.

The operation, which began on October 12, covered some 55 premises in Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, and Delhi. The agency has not disclosed the identities of those under scanner.

Besides cash and gold and diamond jewellery, the I-T Department has also seized 30 luxury wristwatches of foreign make from the premises of a private salaried employee not engaged in the business of wristwatches.

Income Tax officials with cash recovered during searches against some Karnataka-based contractors in Bengaluru on Friday. PTI

Based on the incriminating evidence in the form of loose sheets, hard copies of documents, and digital data found during the searches, the agency has alleged tax evasion by the suspects.

The agency has accused the contractors of reducing their income on paper through inflation of expenses by booking bogus purchases, non-genuine claim of expenses with sub-contractors, and claiming ineligible expenses.

Undisclosed assets

"The irregularities detected in the utilisation of contract receipts has resulted in generation of huge unaccounted cash and creation of undisclosed assets," the I-T Department said in its statement on Monday.

The accused contractors were also allegedly involved in booking expenses for non-business purposes, as evidence of claim of liaison expenses have been found.

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Bengaluru won't be able to meet freshwater demand with existing resources, says report

K.C. Deepika
BENGALURU

As a deficit southwest monsoon has left many parts of Karnataka parched, and concern over the water situation in capital city Bengaluru hit the headlines amidst the Cauvery water sharing row, a new report on Bengaluru's water balance shows that the total demand for freshwater is 2,632 MLD, a high quantum compared to the city's current claims over various sources.

The report, 'How water flows through Bengaluru: Urban water balance report,' by the WELL (Water, Environment, Land and Livelihoods) Labs, looks at Bengaluru's contrasting water problems: how borewells and lakes dry up and water tankers ferry water from elsewhere to quench the thirst of neighbourhoods during peak summer, while during monsoon, large parts of the city face severe flooding.

The authors of the report - Rashmi Kulranjan, Shashank Palur and Muhil Nesi, argue that these problems are interconnected.

"With population growth, the city will not be able to meet its water needs with existing resources. Groundwater caters to nearly 50% of Bengaluru's water demand. In addition to 1,460 MLD of Cauvery water, Bengaluru currently consumes an estimated 1,372 MLD of groundwater. This is worrying because groundwater recharge rates remain significantly lower than extraction rates. Natural groundwater recharge through green spaces and waterbodies is as low as 148 MLD," said the report, adding that it is critical to maintain lakes and green spaces to recharge shallow aquifers with rainwater during the wet season.

The report also speaks about run off, the big seasonal difference and the problem of flooding in Bengaluru. "The total rainfall in wet and dry seasons amounts to 2,149 MLD and 1,322 MLD, respectively. However, utilisable run-offs from the total rainfall is 982 MLD in the wet season and 568 MLD in the dry season," says report.

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Water balance report

- Total demand for freshwater in Bengaluru: 2,632 MLD
- Main consumers: residents (72%), commercial and institutional establishments (8%), industrial sector (17%), construction sector (2%)
- Total wastewater produced: 1,940 MLD
- Groundwater caters to nearly 50% of city's water demand; rest from Cauvery
- 24% of wastewater goes untreated
- Run-off in wet season (June-Dec) is 73% higher than that in dry season (Jan-May)

Source: How water flows through Bengaluru: Urban water balance report

Bumrah — a maverick in the pantheon of Indian speed merchants

The pacer from Gujarat has the required tools to trouble top batters across the world but needs to be mindful of his body as India's World Cup campaign and many other battles rest on his lightning strikes

B. JOTHI RAMALINGAM

K.C. Vijaya Kumar

An old cricketing stereotype about India entirely revolved around wristy batters and wily spinners. The willow-wielders with their wide bouquet of aesthetic shots were expected to defy geometry on the turf. The practitioners of the slow-art were supposed to spin a web, luring perplexed batters to their doom. This was essentially about poetry at one end while a lullaby held the other point of the spectrum.

How about some rock-and-roll that rested on fast bowlers? Well at one point, gentle coughs ensued, throats were cleared and a whisper traipsed into waiting ears: "Oh they are supposed to just take the shine off the ball before the Bedis, Prasannas, Chandrasekhars and Venkataraghavans spun their wares." Indian speed merchants were deemed non-existent or at best were relegated to the realm of being an afterthought.

But do take a leap backwards in time, revisit India's first ever Test against England at Lord's in 1932. The visitors may have lost that game but its seam bowlers, specifically Mohammad Nissar and Amar Singh, were deemed potent, incisive and truly living up to that moniker 'fast'. The 1947 Partition may have affected the overall fast bowling resources available to India but the nation always found key men who could run in hard and bowl at a zesty pace, even if the speeds were not the kinds that the once mighty West Indians clocked.

R.V. MOORTHY

Flagbearer

Over the decades, many pacers emerged with Kapil Dev being the initial flagbearer since his debut during the Pakistan tour in 1978. Standing in the slips, Sunil Gavaskar smiled as the 'Haryana Express' clattered a few helmets with his bouncers. Later, Javagal Srinath, Zaheer Khan and Ishant Sharma extended the tradition and now this is the era of Jasprit Bumrah.

If the earlier mentioned pacers had a classical air in their approach to the craft or in the run-up to the crease, Bumrah is one of a kind. His pre-delivery routine of a walk, followed by winnowing steps almost seems as if he is yet to decide whether to run or just stay gentle. But in those seconds, suddenly the limbs twitch, the legs blur and he arches backwards before unleashing a thunderbolt.

As bowling actions go, this may not seem bio-mechanically sound. Generating pace largely from the shoulders while using the back muscles as a catapult, can affect the body, especially the upper half. This isn't a Michael Holding emerging from a run-up that gathers consistent speed, this is like a car with a sluggish battery on a winter morning but one which without any warning knocks down the garage door and rushes past. But it has suited Bumrah and it is a credit to all his coaches that they have not tried to alter the basic template of his bowling action.

The nurturing of Bumrah is like how Sri Lanka looked after Lasith Malinga, famous for his slingy action. And while Sri Lanka got its rewards, India is reaping the benefits too as Bumrah, as unorthodox as they come, has carved a space in the bowling pantheon. Having made his India-debut in 2016, Bumrah has climbed the rungs, scattering stumps, drawing edges and doing the 'eagle has flown' post-wicket celebration. He also found an ally in Mohammad Shami, proving that old adage about fast bowlers hunting in pairs, while the other Mohammad (Siraj) too has been a good foil.

It is never easy being a top athlete. With seasons merging into each other, bodies tire, limbs creak and the mind yearns for solace. Bumrah is no exception and since he is a dispenser of the fast and furious skill-set, injuries were inevitable. A corrective surgery on his back was deemed essential and it ruled him out of India's squad for last year's ICC T20 World Cup in Australia.

Even while others stepped up, his boots were too big to fill. Bumrah's absence was felt, just like how Rishabh Pant is being missed now. The lanky seamer from Gujarat has an x-factor that India prefers unleashing upon overawed set of rival batters. The selectors waited, so did the team management. Bumrah did his rehabilitation well and when he got back, the spearhead revealed that he had lost none of his menace. His is not a smouldering approach, often he lets out a grin, and as fast bowling clubs go, this member is a smiling assassin.

Right from the time he made a comeback in a T20I game against Ireland at Dublin on August 18, Bumrah hit the straps immediately. Wickets were prised out and there was no holding back in his approach, which is difficult as muscle memory needs to be groomed afresh. Ask any biker after a fall and a resultant fracture, there is always a hesitation to stretch that particular arm or leg that got bruised as the mind gets defensive. It is the same with top-flight sportspersons but they always find a way to get back, and in the case of Bumrah he has been doubly quick in reverting to his regular path.

In his element

Be it the subsequent Asia Cup in Sri Lanka or the ODIs against Australia, Bumrah has been in his element. It is a welcome trait that has found a bigger stage in the current World Cup, a truth that opponents like Australia, Afghanistan and Pakistan would testify. His yields include two for 35, four for 39 and two for 19. Striking with the new ball, as he did against Australia and Afghanistan, or causing havoc in his second spell, which found expression against a befuddled Pakistan, seemed so natural from him. Great cricketers impose their will on the game and Bumrah has that special ability.

The deliveries he uncorked to disturb Mohammad Rizwan and Shadab Khan's stumps were from the top-drawer. One of the finest deliveries ever bowled in the history of cricket was the one that Wasim Akram scripted against an unsuspecting Rahul Dravid in the Chennai Test during the 1999 series. There was both venom and just a hint of movement as the ball slithered past Dravid's wide blade and breached his citadel.

The ones Bumrah sprung in the middle overs against Pakistan had a similar verve. Pace, bounce, seam and swing, cutters and slower balls are all part of Bumrah's arsenal. He is indeed a remarkable bowler and at 29, needs to be mindful of his body and ensure that he lasts many cricketing summers.

India's current World Cup campaign and other battles ahead rest a lot on Bumrah's lightning strikes. He remains a pure fast bowler and there is a touch of the amateur too as his batting skills, much like Courtney Walsh's, is that of a classic tail-ender, prone to strike hard or combust early, and the returns remain anaemic. Give him a ball though, red or white, and just say 'play' and it is then time to rock and roll!

THE GIST

- Bumrah's pre-delivery routine of a walk, followed by winnowing steps, almost seems as if he is yet to decide whether to run or just stay gentle
- It is a credit to all his coaches that they did not try to alter the basic template of Bumrah's unique bowling action
- Pace, bounce, seam and swing, cutters and slower balls are all part of his arsenal

Response time of Hoysala police patrol vehicles improves to 7.15 minutes in Bengaluru

From 13 minutes, the response time was brought down to 11 minutes on an average. Following continued efforts, the response time has been further brought down to 7.15 minutes

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

It was a really testing time for the staff of Hoysala patrolling vehicle-78 of Upparpet police station who received an SoS message around 4.34 p.m. recently. The message was that an unemployed graduate, who had come to Bengaluru in search of a job, was trying to end his life in a guest house at Gandhinagar.

Head constable Manjunath Naikar and his senior assistant sub inspector Govindaraju reached the spot within seven minutes, and broke open the door of the room. The youth was rescued and handed over to his family after counselling.

The staff not only received appreciation for saving a life in the nick of the time, but also set new standards for Hoysala teams.

Bengaluru has 241 Hoysalas with two or three vehicles in each police station limit. FILE PHOTO

Taking the real-time experience to the next level, senior police officials in the jurisdiction have directed the inspector in charge of Hoysala operations to conduct a trial run to bring the response time down to seven minutes.

"It has been a practice for every new inspector and senior police officer to get used to the Hoysala operations in Bengaluru and its strategic placement, and ensure the modalities are in place," said B. Dayananda, Police Commissioner.

Mr. Dayananda had recently patrolled Bengaluru to improve the Hoysala service and its functioning .

Then Bengaluru Police commissioner Praveen Sood, who is now Director, CBI, started efforts to bring down the response time to below 15 minutes. "Hoysalas are meant for emergencies. They should reach the spot at the earliest," he had said.

Gradually coming down

Subsequently, the response time was brought down to 13 minutes, and then 11 minutes on an average.

Following continued efforts, Mr. Dayananda has brought the response time down to 7.15 minutes.

It was all about selecting strategic locations and geo-positioning of the Hoysalas. The coordination of the control room staff also played a vital role in monitoring and guiding Hoysala vehicles to reach the required spot on time.

Bengaluru has 241 Hoysalas with two or three vehicles in each police station limit. These vehicles are stationed at strategical locations. They not only act as mobile stations, but also first responders.

The Hoysala service was started in 1998 to provide quick response to distress calls. The response time improved with the help of technological advancements, giving tough competition to patrolling vehicles in developed countries.

DCP (South East) C.K. Baba said, "Going by the response time, the Bengaluru police is much better than their counterparts in Singapore and other developing countries."

However, senior police officers insist that Hoysala staff still need training to attend to SOS calls.

"Even though they reach the spot on time, some crucial minutes are wasted in planning and execution. An updated SOS manual should be in place. Planning and execution after accessing the situation needs improvement," explained a police officer.

Passengers inconvenienced as Purple Line trains are crowded

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

It has been a week that Namma Metro's Purple Line commenced operations connecting the eastern and western parts of Bengaluru. While this has brought relief to passengers, six-coach trains are overcrowded now, leading to long queues and inconvenience to passengers.

"Since the entire stretch is now open, there has been a surge in commuters. Trains are consistently packed," said Raghu Nair, a commuter from Baiyappanahalli who takes the metro to MG Road daily. "The frequency of trains is low. The waiting time is increasing. Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) should increase frequency of trains or increase the number of coaches."

Metro train service frequency on the Whitefield (Kadugodi) - Pattandur Agrahara section is 10 minutes, and on the Pattandur Agrahara - Mysuru Road section is 5 minutes. During morning peak hours, the frequency on the Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Station-Majestic - M.G. Road section is three minutes, and between Mysuru Road and Challaghatta is 10 minutes.

Nadaprabhu Kempegowda interchange station-Majestic, Indiranagar, Baiyappanahalli, and M.G. Road metro stations on the Purple Line are experiencing a surge in commuters.

Tulasi Gowda, a regular commuter, said, "The chaotic situation at Majestic interchange station during peak hours is a matter of concern. BMRCL is unprepared for the magnitude of the crowd, and lacks effective strategies, like increasing train frequency or implementing crowd control measures."

BMRCL officials said that this problem will persist until they acquire new coaches. Currently, BMRCL operates 57 trains, with 33 designated for the Purple Line and 24 for the Green Line, with the total network stretching 73 km.

An official said, "The frequency will be increased based on demand, and effective crowd management strategies will be implemented at the stations. In terms of new train coaches, China Railway Rolling Stock Corporation (CRRC) is set to deliver 216 coaches. The first two will arrive in Bengaluru from China within a month."

After winning a ₹1,578-crore contract in 2019, CRRC faced delays due to its failure to establish a manufacturing plant in India.

BMRCL had issued multiple notices to CRRC, warning of encashing its ₹372 crore bank guarantee. The firm has now partnered with Kolkata-based Titagarh Wagons to supply the remaining coaches.

An official said, "The CRRC has entered into an MoU with an Indian company to manufacture the coaches. We are expecting to receive these new coaches soon. These coaches will be operated on the Purple Line, and also on the R.V. Road - Bommasandra Yellow Line."

Officials said that the delay occurred because the Chinese company had difficulty meeting the requirement of manufacturing 75% of the coaches in India, as mandated by the Make in India initiative.

Finding a suitable local manufacturer was challenging, and the pandemic further disrupted the manufacturing process. These challenges prompted CRRC to collaborate with Kolkata-based Titagarh Wagons for the manufacture and supply of coaches.

From Page One

City won't be able to meet freshwater demand with existing resources: Report

"Cities can be planned to 'make room for the rain' and allow fallow spaces to become temporary thriving wetlands or even green recreational spaces that can hold excess flood water, while contributing to other benefits such as boosting overall livability and acting as carbon sinks," said the report.

It also emphasised the importance of the city's lakes: "Lakes receive and store both rainwater and wastewater and store groundwater. The cascading lake systems of Bengaluru play an important role in draining water from the city, especially in the Hebbal and Koramangala-Challaghatta valleys, due to greater undulations in their terrain. Inlets, outlets, and stormwater drains that did exist were either broken or encroached upon by other structures. With the loss of these connections, we found that many lakes have become isolated from the system, causing them to dry out. Flooding is another problem in many parts here since there is no path for the water to flow and reach the next lake."

HC summons Maharani Cluster varsity V-C and Registrar for not paying salary to professor

FROM THE COURT

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka has directed the Vice-Chancellor and the Registrar of the Maharani Cluster University, Bengaluru, to be personally present in the court on October 27, for not releasing salary to a professor despite the release of the amount by the State government towards payment of salary.

Deprecating the conduct of the V-C, the court said that "The attitude of the V-C in refusing to take final steps such as submission of salary bills in human resource management system (HRMS) format to ensure that the salary is released to him despite a specific order passed by the government is condemnable."

Justice N.S. Sanjay Gowda passed the order recently on a petition filed by Prakash, who had complained that the salary was not been paid to him by the varsity despite the release of the amount by the government.

The petitioner was one among several other members of the teaching faculty, who were earlier working in the erstwhile Maharani College, and were later absorbed to the varsity, which was formed in 2019. It was complained in the petition the salary was not paid to him since his absorption to the varsity in June 2022.

The court pointed out that the V-C and the Registrar had initially expressed certain technical difficulty in HRMS in releasing salary of another member of the teaching faculty, who too had filed a petition on non-release of salary on his absorption to the varsity. However, the court noted, the varsity later initiated action for release of the salary.

In the case of Prof. Prakash, the court noted the V-C and the Registrar are again stating that they have to examine the issue of release of salary even after the Additional Advocate-General, representing the State government pointed out, that there was no difficulty in releasing the salary.

"This only goes to show that a deliberate attempt is being made to withhold the salary to the petitioner despite the salary being released by the Government way back in July 2023," the Bench observed

It is not the Vice-Chancellor, who pays the salary to the petitioner as the salary is paid as a result of the funds released by the government and the V-C cannot stall the payment of salary to an employee of the varsity, the court observed.

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Promote green firecrackers, says Khandre

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Environment Minister Eshwar Khandre has stressed the need for promoting green firecrackers.

Mr. Khandre, who held a meeting with the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board officials regarding the ban on firecrackers which are harmful to the environment, said that the Supreme Court itself has banned the manufacture, transportation, stocking, and sale of firecrackers which are harmful to the environment.

He said that this should be strictly implemented by the board and the district administration and local bodies.

Check QR code

On whether fireworks would be allowed from neighboring States into Karnataka, Mr. Khandre said that checks are going on at the border. He added that buyers can scan for QR codes on firecraker boxes to know whether the crackers they are buying are indeed green firecrackers or not.

"If people are made aware of the dangers of firecrackers, green firecrackers can be promoted and smoke-emitting, hazardous firecrackers can be banned," Mr. Khandre said. He also instructed the officials to work hard to create awareness about promoting green crackers among young and the old.

Following the recent firecracker accident at Attibele on the outskirts of Bengaluru, the State government announced a ban on bursting conventional firecrackers during political processions, festivals, religious processions, and marriages.

Pending applications

Mr. Khandre also asked the board to dispose of applications seeking a No Objection Certification (NOC) within a time limit.

"Applications seeking permission for setting up green category industrial units will be processed within 30 days, orange category applications will be processed within 45 days, and red category applications within 90 days," he said.

He added that over 1,400 applications are pending in the board without disposal. "Delaying them is not right, the applications should be disposed of within the time limit, if there is any unnecessary delay, the concerned officials will be held responsible," he added.

Conductor suspended

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

On Monday, the BMTC suspended a conductor after a viral video showed him allegedly issuing extra tickets under the Shakti scheme for additional incentives.

A BMTC official said that the conductor had been called to the BMTC Central office and the higher officials conducted a thorough inquiry. Prakash Arjuna Kotyala, driver-cum-conductor, who was working on Route No. 242B (Majestic-Tavarekere), was then suspended from service.

Rowdy attacks woman after getting address of his rival wrong

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A homemaker sustained severe injuries after a rowdy-sheeter attacked her with a chopper after mistaking the residential address of his rival in Gayathrinagar on Sunday night.

The victim sustained a severe injury on her hand and was admitted to a private hospital and is being treated in the ICU, while the accused, identified as Abhigowda, is absconding.

Efforts are on to secure him, a senior police officer said.

According to the police, Abhigowda had a rivalry with Rakesh and the duo had a fight over the Ganesha procession recently.

Rakesh had allegedly attacked Abhigowda with a knife and escaped, following which the latter was waiting for an opportunity to take revenge.

On Sunday, Abhigowda received information that Rakesh was at home, and armed with a chopper he rushed to the house, but mistakenly knocked on the door of Rakesh's neighbour.

As soon as the woman opened the door, the accused attacked her with the chopper and fled the scene, added the police.

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This is to inform the general public that I, JAMUNA H M, W/o M.Chandrashekar Reddy, residing at J1C-104, Judicial Block, NGV, Kormangala, Bengaluru-560047 have taken out this paper publication to inform you all that I have lost since 06/10/2023 the below mentioned original documents, registered in the office of Sub-Registrar, Shivajinagar, Bengaluru: (1) Sale Deed dated 08/11/1968 executed by the B.E.V Employees Credit Co-operative Society Ltd., in favour of V.C.Ramu, bearing Document No. 2257/68-69; (2) Sale Deed dated 11/11/1968 executed by V.C.Ramu in favour of G.Krishnamurthy, bearing Document No.2277/68-69; (3) Sale Deed dated 30/08/1969 executed by G.Krishnamurthy in favour of Smt.Kamalamma, bearing Document No.1646/68-69; (4) Settlement Deed dated 27/08/1981 executed by Smt.Kamalamma in favour of N. Muninanjappa Reddy, bearing Document No.1702/81-82; which are pertaining to my House Property No.709, 9th Cross, 10th Main, Indiranagar 2nd Stage, Bengaluru. No one shall deal with such persons who are in possession of the original documents as I have filed a missing complaint in the jurisdictional police station. -JAMUNA H M

H.K. VENU, Advocate
Dt. 16/10/2023 Bengaluru.

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How do some cancer cells survive chemo? Scientists discover a way

New findings highlight the need for more research to uncover the ways in which cancer cells express or silence genes. By revealing how some cells develop Taxol-resistance, the study also opens a door for researchers to develop new ways to ensure anti-cancer drugs remain potent

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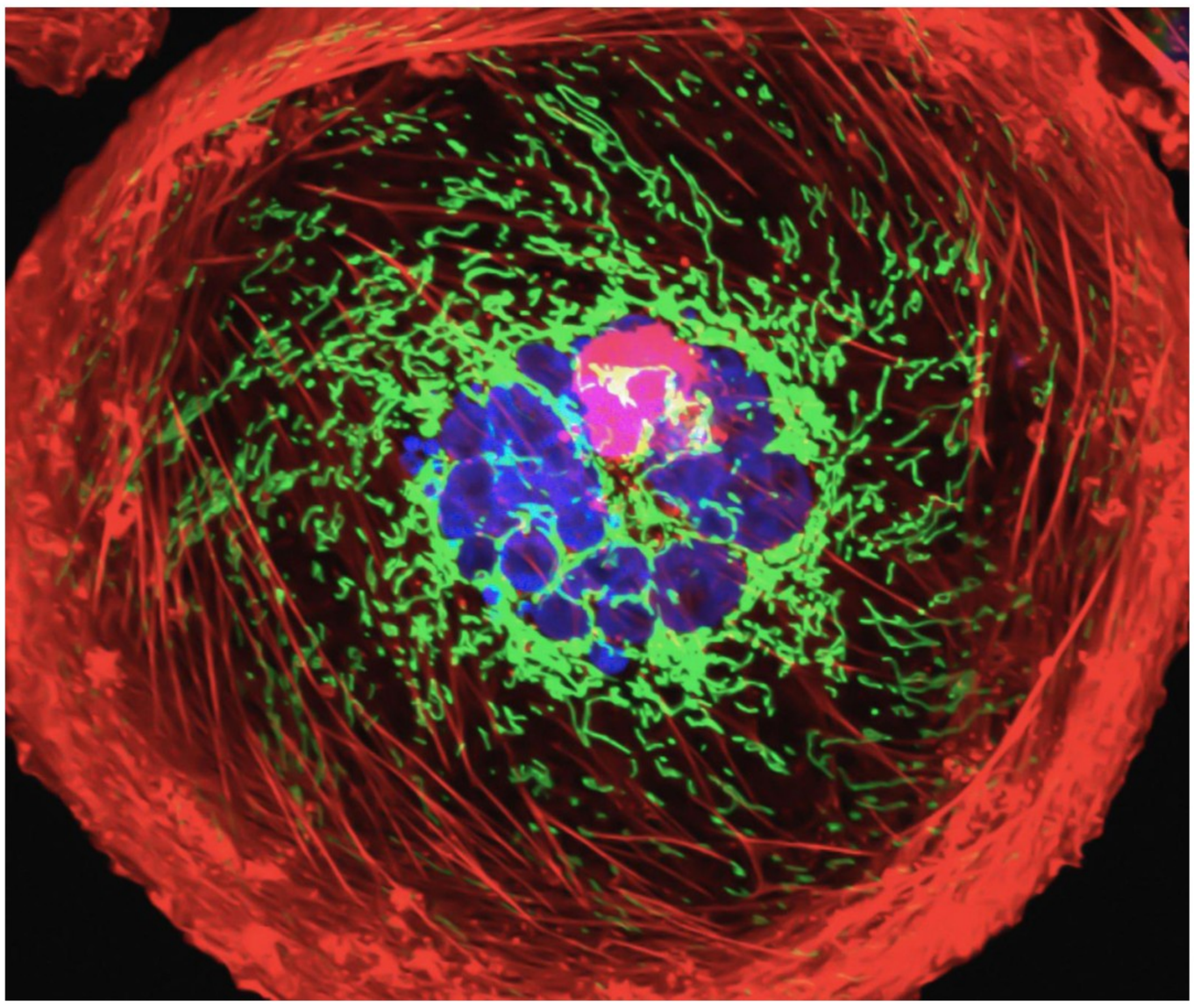

A microscope's view of a polyploid giant cancer cell from an individual with breast cancer. U.S. NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE/UNSPLASH

Treating cancer is expensive, costing up to several lakh rupees depending on the type of cancer, the treatment options available, and the treatment setting (public or private). It can also take time, removing an individual from work and family for extended periods, and be painful.

Sometimes, while an individual may have successfully forced a cancer into remission, there may be a risk of relapse. One way this happens is when a few cancer cells are able to resist the drugs used to destroy them: they lie in wait and produce a show of strength later. Understanding this resistance could eliminate the different ways in which it happens, and reduce the odds of a relapse.

In a new study, published in *Cell Reports* on September 20, researchers from the Netherlands Cancer Institute investigated the resistance of some cancer cells to a drug called Taxol. They have reported that the culprit could be the location of a particular gene inside the cancer cells' nuclei.

The oncologist's challenge

A characteristic feature of cancer cells is that they divide rapidly, in uncontrolled fashion. Anti-cancer drugs – i.e. chemotherapeutic agents – work by stalling or blocking this proliferation. When the division of a cancer cell is arrested, it generally responds by triggering a pathway of programmed cell death, called apoptosis. So in this way, chemotherapy eliminates the cancer cells without affecting other non-cancerous cells nearby that are not dividing.

But this is also why chemotherapy deals a lot of collateral damage. Any tissue with a significant number of normal cells that are also dividing – such as cells in the digestive tract, the bone marrow, and hair follicles – are also affected by chemotherapeutic agents and suffer apoptosis. This cell death underlies the unpleasant side-effects of chemotherapy, such as painful inflammation of the oral cavity and the gut, and nausea, diarrhoea, anaemia, and hair loss.

An oncologist's challenge is to find the dose of a drug that effectively kills cancer cells but whose side-effects are not unbearable for the patient. One way researchers have tried to achieve this is by developing antibody-drug conjugates (ADCs) against some cancers. An ADC is a drug attached to an antibody that recognises a protein found only on, or at least preferentially on, the cancer cells. This way, the antibody guides the chemotherapeutic drug to the cancer cells, where the drug begins its work. And, of course, non-cancer cells are bypassed.

The toxin-remover protein

As it happens, a small subset of cancer cells can still escape confrontation with the anti-cancer drug. This happens when these cells express elevated levels of a protein called P-gp – short for permeability glycoprotein. For a cell to produce P-gp, it uses information encoded in a gene called ABCB1.

Inside the cell, P-gp works like a pump, moving toxic compounds out. And in cells that make too much P-gp, the protein removes toxins well enough to flush the chemotherapeutic agents out as well. So the latter can't accumulate to levels that arrest cell division and trigger apoptosis, allowing the cancer cell to live another day.

In fact, these surviving cells can allow the cancer to return after a period of remission.

The mechanism of resistance

In the *Cell Reports* study, the researchers used cells from the human eye retinal pigment epithelium as a model to explore a small subset that expressed the P-gp protein and thus became resistant to the anti-cancer drug Taxol. They found that a cell's sensitivity to Taxol, including its ability to resist Taxol's anti-cancer effects, was related to the location of the ABCB1 gene inside the cell's nucleus.

The nucleus is the part of the cell that houses the DNA and the associated proteins. A membrane called the nuclear envelope separates it from the rest of the cell. Genes are segments of a DNA molecule; when a gene is *expressed*, it means the cell can use it as a template to form molecules called RNA.

DNA and RNA share many chemical properties. The DNA contains the archival copy of a gene whereas the cell uses the RNA as the working copy. But only the RNA, and not the DNA, enters the cytoplasm – the rest of the cell – where it 'instructs' the cellular machinery on the way to link different amino acids to form the protein encoded by a gene.

In those retinal pigment epithelium cells that were sensitive to Taxol, the ABCB1 gene was found to be located close to the nuclear envelope. In cells that could resist the effects of Taxol, the gene had detached from the nuclear envelope and had moved further inside the nucleus. As a result, resistant cells exhibited a 100-fold increase in the amount of RNA corresponding to the ABCB1 gene compared to cells that remained sensitive to Taxol.

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The P-gp efflux pump made from this RNA was responsible for Taxol-resistance.

Resisting the resistance

To identify what tethered the ABCB1 gene to the nuclear envelope in sensitive cells, the researchers turned different genes 'off' to see which one affected the proteins that the cell uses to make the envelope.

They zeroed in on a protein called lamin B receptor (LBR). According to the researchers, when the LBR protein was absent, a cell could activate the ABCB1 gene when it was exposed to Taxol. But when they deleted the gene used to make LBR, the cells didn't increase ABCB1 expression right away; they had to be exposed to Taxol as well. So additional factors, instead of just LBR, help silence ABCB1 in the bulk population.

The researchers also studied the effect of depleting LBR from breast, head and neck, and lung cancer cells. Lung cancer cells expressed the RNA corresponding to ABCB1 to a high degree, and depleting LBR proteins didn't further increase the fraction of Taxol-resistant cells. On the other hand, among breast cancer cells, depleting LBR increased the Taxol-resistant fraction – but not in the head and neck cancer cells.

Preferences among cells

Why do different cancers respond so differently to LBR depletion? An analogy from everyday life might help to understand. There are different ways to keep clothes dry in a bathroom: by hanging them on hooks, on towel rods or on a ledge. But not all bathrooms offer all options. In one with only a few hooks, there is a greater risk of clothes piled on a hook dropping to the floor.

We can rely less on hooks if there are rods and ledges as well. Similarly, the breast cancer cells may have depended more on LBR to tether genes to the nuclear envelope than the other cancer-cell types.

These findings highlight the need for more research to uncover the different ways in which cancer cells express or silence genes. By revealing how some cells develop Taxol-resistance, the study also opens the door for researchers to develop new ways to ensure anti-cancer drugs remain potent and patients recover faster.

(The author is a retired scientist)

India's Jasprit Bumrah celebrates the wicket of Pakistan's Mohammad Rizwan during the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023 match in Ahmedabad on Saturday. PTI

The Bumrah ball to see energy law in action

The Hindu Bureau

India scored a thumping win against Pakistan at the ICC Men's ODI World Cup match in Ahmedabad on October 14, with the latter's batters folding for 191 following a collapse.

They were at a healthy 155/2 when things fell apart. Five of India's six bowlers took two wickets apiece in the rout, although they were led by Jasprit Bumrah and Kuldeep Yadav, who induced the collapse with the wickets of Mohammad Rizwan and Iftikhar Ahmed, respectively.

But for all the magic on display, Bumrah's delivery to dismiss Rizwan on the last ball of the 34th over stands out for illustrating an everyday occurrence in cricket but at a magnitude commonly seen in physics textbooks and high-school laboratories, less so on the cricket field. The delivery was a slow offbreak – a ball delivered at 122 km/hr that, after

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bouncing, jagged sharply into the right-handed batter. There, a gap between bat and pad, which Bumrah had spent the first five balls of the over opening, allowed the ball to hit the stumps.

While slow offbreaks aren't exotic in cricket, the one that Bumrah bowled was. After pitching, the ball's kinetic energy through the air dropped noticeably, so much so that it reached Rizwan much slower than at 122 km/hr. The law of conservation of energy can't be violated, so where did the 'missing' speed energy go?

One possible reason Rizwan was foxed was that he expected the ball to come on to the bat quicker, but it didn't because of the 'missing' energy. When releasing the ball, Bumrah had moved his wrist sideways instead of straight down. As a result, from the moment the ball started moving, it had some 'forward' kinetic energy and some angular kinetic energy: it was spinning.

After pitching, more of the ball's kinetic energy was converted to the angular component because of the way the ball gripped, and less of it remained for the forward component. The ball would have also lost a little energy as sound and to displace the soil by a small amount when it pitched. The result: it arrived later than Rizwan expected and prised him out.

To be sure, offbreaks aren't a novelty, but seldom do we behold one that exemplifies its own features to such a great degree. The messier equations underlying the physics of a shaped object moving through the air in a specific way – like Neeraj Chopra's javelin or Jasprit Bumrah's offbreak – often overtake the simpler ones at the core of all physics, but become unmistakeable in moments like 33.6.

THE SCIENCE QUIZ

Please send in your answers to science@thehindu.co.in

On World Spine Day, a quiz to make you sit up

Rebecca Rose Varghese

QUESTION 1

What is the name of the variety of invertebrate marine animals characterised by a hard, spiny covering or skin?

QUESTION 2

Name the part of the spine that is a fibrous cartilage bonding two adjacent vertebrae. In space, it allows astronauts to grow a little taller – height that they lose once they're back on the earth. Also describe how it increases their height.

QUESTION 3

The cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) is a fluid produced in the brain's ventricles, and which surrounds the organ and the spinal cord and acts as a shock-absorber to protect them. Name the condition resulting from an excess buildup of CSF in the ventricles.

QUESTION 4

Name the condition caused by a vestigial organ in the spine and attributed commonly to the "beach chair" position – i.e. sitting with a dorsally tilted pelvis in individuals with tetraplegia.

QUESTION 5

The largest vertebrates that ever walked the earth were the sauropod dinosaurs. Some of their vertebrae had hollow portions on their sides, called _____, to reduce their weight without losing their strength. Fill in the blank.

Answers to October 12 quiz:

1. Particle that gives other particles mass by coupling to them – **Ans: Higgs boson**
2. Expansion and value of Rg – **Ans: Ronnagram, 10^27 grams**
3. Large virus used in the modern smallpox vaccine – **Ans:** *Vaccinia*
4. Heaviest aircraft ever built – **Ans: Antonov An-225**
5. Astronomy body made of ultra-dense material – **Ans: Neutron star**

Visual: **Hercules-Corona Borealis Great Wall**

First contact: Mohammed Anshad E.K. | Harsha Makkuva | Avnish Dhiman | Kamuju Ridhi Trailokya

Visual: All mammals (save a few) have seven cervical vertebrae. Name the mammal shown above, which has the greatest number of cervical vertebrae (eight or nine).
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Daughter of daily wage earner secures eight gold medals in Bangalore University

As many as 299 gold medals and 113 cash prizes will be awarded to 193 students at the varsity convocation today. A total of 28,871 students will receive various degrees

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Vinutha J. emerged topper in Bangalore University with eight gold medals and three cash prizes.

Vinutha J., daughter of a daily wage earner, emerged the topper in Bangalore University with eight gold medals and three cash prizes. With her achievement, she has fulfilled the dream of her father, who wanted her to excel in academics and become a teacher.

Ms. Vinutha is currently pursuing a BEd course, after the completion of her postgraduation (MSc) in Organic Chemistry, for which she has won the medals from Bangalore University. She will receive the medals at the varsity convocation on Tuesday.

Father's wishes

Speaking with *The Hindu*, Ms. Vinutha said: "My father's dream is to see me as a government schoolteacher. Therefore, I opted for a BEd course after my MSc degree. After completion of the course, I will try to get a government schoolteacher's job."

"My father is working as a daily wage worker in the Survey Department and my mother is a homemaker. I am their only daughter and they supported my education. I never expected to become a topper of the university. It is my happiest moment and I could achieve this with the support of my teachers," she said.

A resident of Anekal, she used to travel to Bengaluru daily to college. "So, most of my time was spent in travel. Therefore, I used to study in the bus on the way home and to college. I used to study a minimum of two hours per day," she said.

Glory to girls

This year, girls have won the highest number of gold medals. As per details given by the university, of the total 299 gold medals shared by 147 students, 93 have been bagged by the female students in undergraduate and postgraduate courses.

At the undergraduate level, 33 girls got gold medals compared to 26 boys. In the postgraduate level, this number is 60 and 28, respectively. Interestingly in postgraduate courses, the top 13 gold medallists are girls.

Enrolment pattern

Speaking in a press conference on Monday, Jayakara S.M., Vice-Chancellor of Bangalore University, said: "When we look at the enrolment of UG and PG courses in our university, the number of girls is more."

As many as 299 gold medals and 113 cash prizes will be awarded to 193 students at the convocation, and 204 PhDs will be conferred as well.

A total of 28,871 students will be receiving various degrees.

The students who have applied for the convocation can download their degree certificates immediately after the convocation from DigiLocker and National Academic Depository (NAD).

Honorary doctorates for Deve Gowda, ISRO Chairman

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda and Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) Chairman S. Somanath will be conferred honorary doctorates by Bangalore University (BU). This is the second honorary doctorate for Mr. Gowda. Earlier, the University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS), Bengaluru, honoured him with the honorary doctorate in 1997.

Governor of Karnataka and Chancellor Thaawarchand Gehlot will present the honorary doctorates at the 58th convocation of BU on Tuesday, at the Jnanajyothi auditorium in Bengaluru.

Schneider Electric

INVITATION FOR THE FOURTH ROUND OF EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR AVAILING WHITE LABELLING OF THE ELECTRICAL AND AUTOMATION PRODUCTS OF LARSEN & TOUBRO

Schneider Electric India Private Limited ("**SEIPL**") invites the fourth round of Expression of Interest ("**EOI**") from LV switchgear manufacturers in India for availing white labelling product manufacturing services from SEIPL, in compliance with the modifications provided in the order of the Competition Commission of India ("**CCI**"), dated 18 April 2019 ("**CCI Order**"), approving the acquisition of the electrical and automation ("**E&A**") business of Larsen & Toubro ("**L&T**") by SEIPL and MacRitchie Investments Pte. Ltd. The CCI Order is available at:

https://www.cci.gov.in/images/caseorders/en/1652509382.pdf.

The white labelling product manufacturing services being offered by SEIPL is subject to the terms and conditions as set out in the CCI Order including the following:

1. The white labelling product manufacturing service is being offered by SEIPL only for the existing product range, owned and manufactured at L&T plants, of the five products of L&T (Air Circuit Breakers ("**ACB**"), Moulded Case Circuit Breakers ("**MCCB**"), Overload Relays, Contactors and Switch Disconnector Fuse ("**SDF**"), collectively "**Five Products**").

2. The white labelling services for the Five Products of L&T can be availed for the remaining period of the white labelling product manufacturing services offering ending as on **28 September 2026** for sale solely in the Indian market.

3. The pricing and allocation of quantity for the white labelling contract will be governed by the CCI Order and monitored by the Monitoring Agency - Moore Singhi Advisors LLP (mukeshgilda@singhico.com) appointed by the CCI.

4. At the end of the white labelling period, as specified in the CCI Order, a single LV switchgear manufacturer shall have the option to enter into a non-transferable, non-sub licensable, non-exclusive technology license solely for manufacture and sale in India with SEIPL for all or any of the Five Products of L&T, for which it has availed of white labelling, subject to the following requirements at a reasonable commercial royalty rate for a period of 5 years from the expiry of the white labelling remedy period:

"111.1 Has white label offtake for at least 3 continuous years of the product for which it seeks the technology license; and

111.2. Has an average annual offtake of at least 10% of the installed capacity of such individual product for white labelling for the period of the white labelling remedy."

Such technology license to the third-party LV switchgear manufacturer shall be in accordance with the terms and conditions of the CCI Order. As such, the quantities, i.e., range wise installed capacity, 10% of the installed capacity and quantities available for off-take under white labelling will be disclosed, under the supervision of the Monitoring Agency appointed by the Hon'ble CCI, once the confidentiality undertakings, i.e., clean team agreements are signed between SEIPL and the interested party (being an eligible applicant for white labelling).

Interested LV switchgear manufacturers are requested to respond to fully and finally to this fourth round of invitation for EOI by submitting their details at: https://www.se.com/in/en/about-us/whitelabelling/whitelabelling-registration.jsp by 17th December 2023 i.e., 2 months from date of publication of this EOI.

SEIPL will also conduct a pre-bid meeting on 20th November 2023, to provide clarifications in relation to this EOI. Interested parties to contact us whitelabel.support@se.com, for further details on the pre-bid meeting.

Specific product ranges available for white labelling will be shared with interested parties post registration at the link set out above.

For further details, please contact us at: *whitelabel.support@se.com*.

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ಅತಿಥಿಗಳು : ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರದ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಲೋಕಸಭಾ ಸದಸ್ಯರು, ರಾಜ್ಯಸಭಾ ಸದಸ್ಯರು, ವಿಧಾನಸಭಾ ಸದಸ್ಯರು, ವಿಧಾನ ಪರಿಷತ್ ಸದಸ್ಯರು ಹಾಗೂ ಚುನಾಯಿತ ಪ್ರತಿನಿಧಿಗಳು

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

Saudi Arabia's crude exports for the month of August

5.58 in million barrels per day (bpd). Crude exports from the world's largest oil exporter hit its lowest in 28 months. Saudi and Russia have agreed to combine voluntary oil supply cuts of 1.3 million bpd until the year end. REUTERS

Dip in automobile exports during first half of the fiscal year

17 in percent year-on-year. Automobile exports from India declined in the April-September period this fiscal due to geopolitical and monetary crises in various countries, according to the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM). PTI

The expected economic growth of India in 2023-24

6.3 in percent. India's economic growth is expected at 6.3% during 2023-24 on the back of good health of the financial sector and uptick in private investment even as downside risks remain, as per a survey by industry body Ficci. PTI

The ADB loan for building infrastructure in Ahmedabad

181 In $ million. The Asian Development Bank (ADB) on Monday said it has approved the loan to build quality infrastructure and services for improving urban livability and mobility in the peri-urban areas of Ahmedabad. PTI

The amount collected from the disposal of scrap

13.08 in ₹ lakh. In a drive to weed out physical files, the Ministry of Mines disposed of scraps, freeing up about 29,050 square feet of office space. PTI

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Bengaluru's waste management plan

What is the amount of waste that the city generates in a day and how much is the existing capacity of waste processing facilities? Why have locals called for the closure of existing waste management plants? How will farmers profit from the setting up of new waste facilities?

EXPLAINER

Pushkara S.V.

The story so far:

The Government of Karnataka is contemplating the relocation of waste processing facilities, operational in Bengaluru, to the outskirts of the city. Officials have been tasked with identifying land parcels, each spanning 100 acres, in various directions from the city, preferably in Bengaluru Rural and Ramanagara districts. However, this initiative will face significant challenges, primarily from the villages surrounding the locations.

What is the capacity of existing waste processing facilities?

Currently, the city generates approximately 5,000 tonnes per day (TPD) of waste, which is expected to rise to around 6,000 TPD over the next four or five years. The existing waste processing capacity in Bengaluru stands at about 2,000 TPD, including small-scale decentralised ward-level waste processing facilities, leaving roughly 3,000 TPD of waste to be disposed of in landfill quarries without processing.

It is due to this capacity shortfall that Bengaluru has made the decision to identify locations for four additional waste-processing facilities outside the city.

How have existing facilities performed?

Historically, composting facilities at most waste-processing sites set up by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) such as at Kudlu, Mavallipura, Mandur, Lingadeeranahalli, Kannahalli, and Seegehalli, have encountered strong opposition rooted largely in the inefficient operations at these plants. The plants have indeed consistently received more waste than their designed capacities and have operated at less than 50% efficiency. This excess quantity of material in the process has resulted in leachate and odour issues, affecting the environs and livelihoods of people living nearby.

Given the issues posed by existing plants, it is crucial to make sure that the city's waste processing capacity is increased to handle 6,000 TPD, through a combination of centralised and decentralised processing systems. This expansion should ensure that no facility receives more waste than its designed capacity. By increasing the capacity and ensuring that waste deliveries are never more than the design capacity, it should be possible to mitigate leachate and odour issues effectively.

The new waste-processing facilities should ideally have the capacity to process 1,000 TPD each to ensure that all the 6,000 TPD of waste generated in the city are processed. The technology of choice should be the composting of fresh waste, which is also suitable to the weather conditions of Bengaluru. About 60% of the waste is biodegradable wet waste, some 25% is dry waste (including plastics and other recyclable materials), and the remaining 15% consists of inert materials, such as silt and stones. Each facility should be designed to incorporate a 600-TPD composting facility, a 250-TPD material recovery facility (to manage dry waste), and a 150-TPD scientific landfill to dispose of the inert fraction.

How should local concerns be addressed?

Addressing odour and leachate concerns is paramount. These plants should have tertiary-level facilities to treat leachate and ensure they are properly treated, making them suitable for internal use.

The main cause of odour in waste-processing facilities is the high moisture content in the material when it is being composted. To manage this, the waste-processing plants should be equipped with high-capacity lane turners or windrow-turning equipment instead of having to be turned manually using excavators.

Turning the composting material around at frequent intervals can expedite the composting process and minimise odour because the material will be well aerated and regulated.

Another major concern is likely to be land acquisition and changes in land-use patterns.

Considering the new plants will have to be set up quickly, the government may opt for state-owned vacant plots, as it has in the past, to avoid the tedious process of land acquisition. However, change in the use of land from an open space to waste-processing will affect the local terrain and rainwater management. To address these issues, the government must conduct thorough geotechnical investigations first.

Considering these plants will be located in rural areas, the government should also engage the primary consumers of the compost – farmers – in the process in addition to offering free organic compost to villages settled near these facilities. This initiative can substantially reduce farmers' reliance on chemical fertilizers, saving them around ₹15,000 to ₹20,000 per annum (which they currently spend to buy fertilizers).

In fact, the annual waste output of Bengaluru, around 2.16 crore tonnes, could yield approximately 32.4 lakh tonnes of organic compost, ultimately replacing a significant portion (possibly up to 50%) of chemical fertilizers used in the Bangalore Rural and Ramanagara districts.

How should existing facilities be repurposed?

Existing facilities have been a source of concern for residents and have faced demands for closure. Given the significant government investment of ₹450 crore to set up seven composting facilities of 150-300 TPD capacity each in 2014, a more practical approach will be to convert these wet-waste-processing facilities into dry-waste management facilities.

These converted plants can handle about 150 TPD each of the dry waste generated in the city, thus reducing the transportation cost for the BBMP by 20%. This approach could also ensure that the proposed new plants can operate at 80-85% capacity, which is a more feasible utilisation rate.

Moreover, dry-waste segregation facilities are less likely to pose problems to residents, as they don't produce leachate or odour. They can also create job opportunities for at least 50 people for sorting, baling, bagging, and other related activities in each facility.

Setting up new waste processing facilities will attract opposition and cost the government to transport waste to distant sites. However, it is necessary to increase the waste-processing capacity of Bengaluru in order to comply with municipal solid waste management rules and the National Green Tribunal's guidelines as well as an environmental obligation towards the State. The success of the proposed facilities and the sustainable use of existing facilities (within the city) depends on strategies that consider technology, environmental impact, social impact, past experiences, and community involvement. Not considering these factors will inevitably lead to the waste-processing sites becoming landfills. By focusing on these factors, Karnataka can pave the way for a more sustainable and efficient waste-management system.

The present situation of unprocessed waste disposal in the city and rampant use of chemical fertilizers in rural areas can also be ameliorated by setting up and operating scientific waste-processing, which will benefit both city dwellers and rural residents.

Pushkara S.V. is a practitioner at the Indian Institute for Human Settlements. He has provided advisory services on solid waste management to 75 urban local bodies on waste management and has headed operations at a 750-tonne-capacity waste processing facility.

Piling up: A heap of plastic waste dumped on the banks of the Ulsoor lake, in Bengaluru on September 10. MURALI KUMAR. K

THE GIST

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Expansion plans

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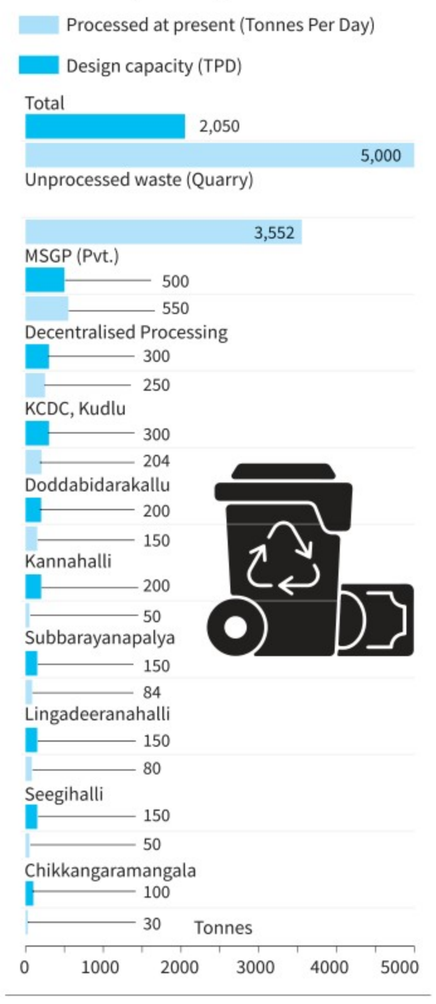

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice No. Y/E.29/2023-24/32
Dated: 10.10.2023

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-tenders for the following work.

Description of Work	Appx. Value
Modification of OHE for new RUB construction in Mysuru-Chamarajanagar & Mysuru-Yeliyur sections.	Rs. 46,93,166.87

Last date for submission of bids: **Up to 11:00 hrs. of 31.10.2023**

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer Mysuru

PUB/443/AAV/PRB/SWR/2023-24

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SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice No. L4231168
Bid Open Date: 02.11.2023

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-tenders for the following work.

Item of Work	Appx. Value
Direct Mounted Double Row self aligning spherical roller bearing to SKF 22326 C / C3 or similar to RDSO specn C 8527 suitable for 16.25 tons axle load.	Rs. 43,26,660.80

Last date for submission of bids: **Up to 10:00 hrs. of 02.11.2023**

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

Deputy Chief Materials Manager/GSD Hubballi

PUB/442/AAV/PRB/SWR/2023-24

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No. GIMS/KLB/EST-1/Walkin interview/CR-128/2023/ 1647 Date: 13-10-2023

CORRIGENDUM-1

This is with reference to the Walkin interview notification with even No: GIMS/KLB/EST-1/Walkin interview/CR-128/2023/1635 dated 12-10-2023, inviting applications from eligible candidates for recruitment of vacant posts of Assistant Professor, Senior Residents and Casualty Medical Officers for Gulbarga Institute of Medical Sciences, Kalaburagi (including Trauma Care Center) under Local cadre (Kalyan Karnataka region).

In partial modification of the AGE CRITERIA inrespect of Assistant Professor, Senior Residents and Casualty Medical Officers, the maximum age limit is modified and shall be read as 38 years for GM, 41 years for OBC & 43 years for SC/ST.

Sd/- Dean & Director
Gulbarga Institute of Medical Sciences, Kalaburagi

DIPR/Kalaburagi/369/KSMC&A/2023-24

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

E-Single Tender Notice No. 39/MYS/2023
Date: 10.10.2023

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-tenders for the following work.

Item of Work	Appx. Value
Mysuru Division: Annual maintenance contract for OMS equipment.	Rs. 2,30,100/-

Last date for submission of bids: **Up to 11:00 hrs. of 02.11.2023**

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

Senior Divisional Engineer / Co-Ord Mysuru

PUB/450/AAV/PRB/SWR/2023-24

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SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice No. B/SG/PROJ/SBC/IBS/Patchur Date: 11.10.2023

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-tenders for the following work.

Item of Work	Appx. Value
Provision of Intermediate Block Signals at Patchur station of Bengaluru division.	Rs. 2,31,49,084.07

Last date for submission of bids: **Up to 10:00 hrs. of 25.10.2023**

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

Deputy Chief Signal and Telecom Engineer Projects/Bengaluru

PUB/446/AAV/PRB/SWR/2023-24

S.W.Railways SWRRLY SWRRLY

PUNJAB STATE POWER CORPORATION LTD.

Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall Patiala - 147001.
Corporate Identity Number U40109PB2010SGC033813
Website: www.pspcl.in
(Contact No. 96461-22185)

Tender Enquiry No. 284/SS(D)-II (under RDSS) | Dated: 13.10.2023

Dy. CE/Substation Design/TS Organization, PSPCL, C-1, Shakti Vihar, PSPCL, Patiala invites e-tender for Manufacture, Testing, Supply & Delivery of 315 nos. 66kV CTs of assorted ratios (under RDSS). For Detailed NIT & Tender Specifications, please refer to https://gem.gov.in/ from 13.10.2023 (09:00AM onwards), having GeM Bid Number as "GEM/2023/B/4080431".

Note: Corrigendum and amendments, if any, will be published online at https://gem.gov.in/

C-737/23 **76155/12/2289/2023/28895**

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(Mobile No. 96461-07205)

E-Tender Enq. No. 7475/P-1/EMP-12465 dated 13.10.2023.

Dy. Chief Engineer/Headquarter(Procurement Cell-1) GGSSTP, Roopnagar invites E-Tender ID No. 2023_POWER_110957_1 for Procurement of AGRO Residue based non Torrified Pellets for Cofiring in PSPCL Thermal Power Plants.

For Detailed NIT & Tender Specification please refer to https://eproc.punjab.gov.in from 13.10.2023/6.00 PM onwards.

Note:- Corrigendum & addendum if any will be published online at https://eproc.punjab.gov.in

RTP-118/23 **76155/12/2295/2023/28906**

RAIL LAND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

(A Statutory Authority under Ministry of Railways, Government of India)
Unit No. 702-B, 7th Floor, Konnectus Tower-II, DMRC Building, Ajmeri Gate, New Delhi-110002 Ph: + 91-11-23232854, Fax: +91-11-23232835

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL THROUGH E-TENDER
(RFP Notice No. RLDA/2023/RFP/CAS-56 Dt: 11-10-2023)

GRANT OF LEASE HOLD RIGHTS OF VERTICAL AIR SPACE MEASURING APPROX. PLAN AREA IS 3664 SQM. AND BUILT-UP AREA IS 36,640 SQM. FOR A PERIOD OF 60 YEARS FOR COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT, ABOVE NEWLY DEVELOPED SOUTH SIDE BUILDING OF TIRUPATI RAILWAY STATION

Site Description	Plan Area	Built-Up Area	Bid Security	Reserve Price
Air Space at South Side of Tirupati Railway Station	3664 Sqm.	36,640 Sqm.	Rs. 75 Lakh	Rs. 22.68 Crore

Online Pre-bid Meeting: 30TH OCTOBER, 2023 AT 11:30 HRS.
(Online Pre-bid meeting details to be obtained from Manager/Project/Expert/SC/RLDA)
Last Date of Submission of E-bid Online: 12-12-2023 UPTO 15:00 Hrs.

For Further details of the project, please visit our website **www.rlda.indianrailways.gov.in** or on e-procurement portal **www.tenderwizard.in/RLDA** under the heading '**e-tender**'

For any clarifications, may please contact:-

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Note:- Any Corrigendum or Addendum shall be published only on above mentioned websites. AM/Tender, (M) 87505 54811

बैंक ऑफ महाराष्ट्र Bank of Maharashtra

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POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable property)

WHEREAS, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Bank Of Maharashtra under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, and in exercise of the powers conferred under Sub-Section (12) of Section 13 read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated 02-08-2023 calling upon the Borrower **Rubesh Kumar P.R,** Flat No 111, Block, Pariwar Palace Apartments,Devarachikkanahalli Road, BTM 4th Stage,Banglore 560076,Karnataka and also 2131, 7th B Cross, Classic Paradise Layout,Begur Road, Bengaluru, Karnataka, Pin-560114 and also 80/1 Lakeside Apartment,3rd Cross 2nd Main, Lake View Residency, Kodichikkanahalli, Bilekahalli, Banglore South, Karnataka-560076 and **(2) Rathish Kumar,** S/o Ramankutty, Punnathara House, Kavil Kadavu, Kodungallur, Thrissur, Kerala-680664, to repay **Rs. 3,58,86,102/-** plus prevailing rate of interest with effect from 02-08-23 plus all other charges (o/s balance Rs.3,49,98,740/- + accrued interest Rs. 8,84,547/- + arrear penal interest Rs. 8,84,547/- + Charges Rs.177) within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub section (4) of section 13 of Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002 on this **13-10-2023**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of Bank of Maharashtra for an amount herein above mentioned.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets:

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of land comprised in Re Sy no 567/1-10, 567/1-12, 567/1-13, 567/1-14 (Old sy no 361/6) of Angamaly Village, Aluva Thaluk, Ernakulam District along with building constructed and to be constructed having Building No.VI/143 with in the limit of Angamaly Municipality with **Boundaries: East:** Property of Bindhu Chacko, **North:** Property of Achuthan Pillai, **West:** Property of Achuthan Pillai, **South:** Pathway

Place: Ernakulam, **Sd/- Authorised Officer,**
Date:13-10-2023 **Bank of Maharashtra**

BEFORE THE NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL BENGALURU BENCH AT BENGALURU
AND
IN THE MATTER OF SECTION 230 AND 232 OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 2013
AND
IN THE MATTER OF SCHEME OF AMALGAMATION OF INFXQ KNOWLEDGE SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED WITH IN KNOW TECH PRIVATE LIMITED
AND THEIR RESPECTIVE SHAREHOLDERS AND CREDITORS
IN THE MATTER COMPANY PETITION CP (CAA) NO.31/BB/2023

INFXQ KNOWLEDGE SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED
(CIN: U72300KA2004PTC034134)
A 306, Block III, STPI Complex, KSSIDC Complex, Keonics Electronics City, Hosur Road, Bangalore-560100 KARNATAKA, INDIA.
Email: basappamahesh@gmail.com Mobile Number: 08028-527135
--TRANSFEROR COMPANY/ PETITIONER NO.1

IN KNOW TECH PRIVATE LIMITED
(CIN: U72900KA2001PTC029852)
Plot No. 110. J, Survey No.68, Electronic City Phase I, Near Fire Station. BANGALORE-560100 KARNATAKA, INDIA
Email: mahesh@inknowtech.com Mobile Number: 08061-253001
--TRANSFEREE COMPANY/PETITIONER NO.2

NOTICE OF HEARING OF PETITION

Notice is hereby given that a petition under Section 230 and 232 of the Companies Act, 2013 for an order sanctioning thescheme of arrangement between for the merger of INFXQ Knowledge Services Private Limited with In Know Tech Private Limited and their respective shareholders and creditors was presented by the joint petitionon 28.03.2023and the said petition is fixed for hearing before the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT),Bengaluru Bench,Corporate Bhawan, 12th Floor, Raheja Towers, M.G. Road, Benguluru-560001on 21st November 2023.

Any person who is desirous of supporting or opposing the said petition may send his representation to the NCLT and copy to the petitioners' Practising Company Secretary at the address mentioned belownot later than two (2) days before the date fixed for the hearing of the petition. Notice of his representation with his name and address may be signed by him or his advocate.Where he seeks to oppose the petition,the grounds of opposition with copy of affidavit shall be furnished with such notice. A copy of the petition,if sought, will be furnished by the undersigned to on payment of the prescribed charges for the same.

Sd/- **CS Thirupal Gorige**
PCS for Petitioners
M/s Thirupal Gorige & Associates LLP
Practising Company Secretaries
No. 87, 2nd Floor,21st Cross,7th Main, N S. Palya, BTM 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560076, India

Place : Bangalore
Date : 16.10.2023

CHAMARAJANAGAR INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES

Sy. No.124, Yadapura Village, Kasaba Hobli, Chamarajanagar - 571313.

No: CIMS/Tender/18/20/22/18/2023-24 Date: 07-10-2023

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Director & Dean, Chamarajanagar Institute of Medical Sciences. Chamarajanagar invite the tenders from eligible tenderers in TWO cover system through e-procurement / Manual basis for having,

1. Tender for Supply of Reagent and Consumables to Microbiology Laboratory of CIMS teaching hospital, Chamarajanagar (CIMS/Tender/Micro/RC/18/2023-24). Tender Value Rs. 9.69 lakhs, EMD Amount Rs. 24,231/-, Date and time for uploading the tender is from 11-10-2023 at 10.00AM to 27-10-2023 up to 5.30PM;

2. Tender for Supply of Drugs, Surgical and Consumables to CIMS teaching hospital. Chamarajanagar (CIMS/Tender/Drugs/20/2023-24), Tender Value Rs. 50.00 lakhs, EMD Amount Rs. 1,00,000/-, Date and time for uploading the tender is from 11-10-2023 at 10.00AM to 27-10-2023 up to 5.30PM;

3. Tender for Supply of Reagents and Consumables to Dept of Biochemistry and Pathology laboratory of CIMS teaching hospital, Chamarajanagar (CIMS/Tender/ BPRC/22/2023-24), Tender Value Rs. 41.62 lakhs, EMD Amount Rs. 83,230/-, Date and time for uploading the tender is from 11-10-2023 at 10.00AM to 27-10-2023 up to 5.30PM; and

4. Manual tender for supply of Medical Books under SCP and TSP Scheme to CIMS, Chamarajanagar, Tender value is Rs. 2,61,113/-, Date and time for purchasing application form from this office is from 10-10-2023 and last date is 17-10-2023 up to 12:00PM, Application Fee is Rs. 354/- (Incl. of GST), Last date for Submitting the filled application to this office is 19-10-2023 up to 12.00PM.

Any more details can be obtained from the **website: www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** w.e.f 10-10-2023 or at office in all working days from 10.00AM to 5.00PM.

Sd/- Director and Dean,
Chamarajanagar Institute of Medical Sciences, Chamarajanagar

DIPR:CHANAGAR:173:2023-24

"ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ನಗರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕೋಶ, ಜಿಲ್ಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ ಬಳ್ಳಾರಿ–583101"

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಜಿನಕೊಬ/ಡಿ.ಎಂ.ಎಫ್ / ಇತರೆ/ 2023–24 ದಿನಾಂಕ : 13.10.2023

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಬಳ್ಳಾರಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ತೆಕ್ಕಲಕೋಟೆ ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯಿತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಖನಿಜ ಪ್ರತಿಷ್ಠಾನ ಟ್ರಸ್ಟ್‌ನ ಅನುದಾನದಲ್ಲಿ ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ, ಕುರುಗೋಡು ಪುರಸಭೆ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕೆ.ಕೆ.ಆರ್.ಡಿ.ಬಿ ಅನುದಾನದಲ್ಲಿ ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ ಪ್ರಥಮ ದರ್ಜೆ ಮತ್ತು ಐ.ಟಿ.ಐ ಕಾಲೇಜುಗಳಿಗೆ ಅವಶ್ಯವಿರುವ ಸಾಮಾಗ್ರಿಗಳನ್ನು ಸರಬರಾಜು ಮಾಡುವ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ನಗರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕೋಶಕ್ಕೆ ಬಾಡಿಗೆ ಆಧಾರದ ಮೇಲೆ 04 ವಾಹನಗಳನ್ನು ಸರಬರಾಜು ಮಾಡುವ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ನಿಯಮಗಳ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಸ್ಟ್ಯಾಂಡರ್ಡ್ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಸ್ತಾವೇಜು ಗಳನ್ವಯ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಾಣಿಸಿದಂತೆ **Karnataka Public Procurement Portal** ಮೂಲಕ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. **ಪ್ಯಾಕೇಜ್ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ವಿವರ:** 01 Name Of Work:DISMANTLING OF UNSERVICABLE 10LL OHT (The work will be carried out by MSTC Ltd hence this scope will be dropped from this tender) & CONSTRUCTION OF 10.00LL RCC (SHAFT TYPE) OVER HEAD TANK ON 12M STAGING & PROVIDING & LAYING OF 300MM DIA DI RISING MAIN AND 200MM DIA DI K7 DISTRIBUTION PIPE LINE IN WARD NO.1, TEKKALAKOTE TOWN UNDER DMF GRANTS. Indent No:DMA/2023-24/CT/WORK_INDENT4642. **ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಿಟ್ಟ ಸೇವಾ ಶುಲ್ಕದ ಮೊತ್ತ (ರೂ.ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಲ್ಲಿ):** 176.55 **EMD (Rs):** 3,38,000/–

02.Name Of Work: Supply of Furnitures and computers to ITI College & Degree College Kurugodu. Indent No: DMA/2023-24/IND0341-Call-2 **ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಿಟ್ಟ ಸೇವಾ ಶುಲ್ಕದ ಮೊತ್ತ (ರೂ.ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಲ್ಲಿ):** 6.78 **EMD (Rs):** 17,000/–

03.Providing of Four Vehicles with Driver on Hire Basis for District Urban Development Cell, Ballari. Indent No: DMA/2023-24/SE0560Call-3 **ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಿಟ್ಟ ಸೇವಾ ಶುಲ್ಕದ ಮೊತ್ತ (ರೂ.ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಲ್ಲಿ):** 17.40 **EMD (Rs):** 43,500/–

Last date & time for tender queries / clarifications: **20.10.2023 at 17.30 Hrs**
Last date and time for receipt of tender technical bids: **31.10.2023 at 16.30 hrs**
Date & time for opening of (Technical bids): **02.11.2023 at 11:00 Hrs**
Date & time for opening of (Financial bids): **09.11.2023 at 11:00 Hrs**
Auto extension of tender schedule : **02 days**

ಸದರಿ ಮಾನವ ಸಂಪನ್ಮೂಲ ಸೇವೆಗಳ ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ದಿನಾಂಕ: **31.10.2023** ರಂದು **16.30** ಗಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಸದರಿ ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ದಿನಾಂಕ: **02.11.2023** ರಂದು **11:00** ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು, ಸದರಿ ದಿನಾಂಕಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಅಕಸ್ಮಿಕ ರಜೆಗಳು ಬಂದಲ್ಲಿ ಮರುದಿನವನ್ನು ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು, ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್‌ರಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ಮತ್ತು ಷರತ್ತುಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಲಾಗಿನ್ ಆಗಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡುವುದು & ಕಛೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದೇ ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವುದಿಲ್ಲ, ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು / ಸಹಾಯಕ ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ನಗರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕೋಶ, **(ದೂ ಸಂ : 7760848586, 7892198334)** ಇವರನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು.

ಡಿಐಪಿಆರ್/ಬಳ್ಳಾರಿ/356/ಕೆಎಸ್‌ಎಂಸಿ/2023–24 ಸಹಿ/–ಯೋಜನಾ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು, ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ನಗರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕೋಶ, ಬಳ್ಳಾರಿ.

Government of Jharkhand
Rural Works Department
JHARKHAND STATE RURAL ROADS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (JSRRDA)
3rd Floor, F.F.P. Building, Dhurwa, Ranchi 834004

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS
(National Competitive Bidding Through e-Procurement)

e-Tender No.- 105 /2023-24 **Dated: 16.10.2023**

3rd Call
Very Short Tender Notice
(PR NO.- 287514)

The undersigned on behalf of Government of Jharkhand invites item rate bids through e-Procurement from the eligible bidders registered* in appropriate class with any State/Central Government/State /Central Government Organization for construction and maintenance for five years of the works (List of schemes shall be displayed in the website pmgsytendersjhr.gov.in) of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojna (PMGSY-III).

Sr. No.	Package ID	District Name	Block name	WORK NAME	Road / LSB	Package wise Roads Length (in km)	Cost of Const. and Maint. With GST (in Lakh)	Earnest Money (in Lakh)	Time Period
01	JH-P3-22-23-WSM-05	Pashchimi Singhbhum	Jhinkpani	MRL01-REO ROAD KALAIYA TO TORANGHATU	Road	27.09	2,198.81	43.98	12 Months
			Jhinkpani	T01-T03 Maluka Burusai to Kuira Via Kakepara, Sialjora	Road				
			Jhinkpani	T02-NAWAGAON TO MRL 11 ROAD VIA BASIRA	Road				

The bid should be submitted online in the website **pmgsytendersjhr.gov.in**. The bidders should have valid Digital Signature Certificate for online submission of bid.
Details of bid submission is as under:

Procurement Officer	Place of Opening	Availability of tender (on-line) for bidding		Last date & time of seeking clarification	Last date and time of bid submission	Date & time of opening (on-line) of tender	
		From	To			Technical bid	Financial bid
1	2	3	4	5	6	8	9
Chief Engineer, JSRRDA, Ranchi	Chief Engineer, JSRRDA, Ranchi	**18.10.2023 at 10.00 AM**	**30.10.2023 upto 5.00 PM**	**26.10.2023 upto 2.00 PM**	**30.10.2023 upto 5.00 PM**	**30.10.2023 at 05.30 PM**	To be informed later

** Non-registered bidders may also submit bid, however the successful bidders must get registered in appropriate class with appropriate authority before signing the contract.*
*** Cost may change.*

Note :-
1. Amount of Bid Security should be taken as mentioned in the Bid Data Sheet of the Bidding Document.
2. Cost of Bid Document (Rs. 10000) and Bid Security (as mentioned in the Bid Data Sheet) shall be deposited **online** in form as mentioned in Bid Data Sheet failing which the bid will be treated non responsive and action shall be taken as per Sec. 2 of ITB clause 12.2 (d).
3. In case, it is found, even after the award of work that the bidder has submitted/ uploaded any false/erroneous/fraudulent statement/document, he/she is liable for blacklisting and forfeiture of Bid Security.
4. Bidders must submit GST registration certificate without which bid is liable to be rejected.
5. Bidders whose names appear in the Debar/blacklist of RWD, any department of GoJ/GoI (including JSRRDA) shall not be allowed to participate in the above bids.
6. Bids submitted by bidders, who have long pending ATR(s) / made inordinate delay in execution of earlier allotted construction/ maintenance works of PMGSY, may be rejected summarily.
7. In case of any discrepancy/dispute about units in BOQ, units as mentioned in Current SOR on which BOQ has been prepared shall prevail.
8. Participating bidders are free to submit grievances, if any, against the decision of technical evaluation within five working days from the date of uploading of decision of technical evaluation only through email at **jh-ce@pmgsy.nic.in** Grievance submitted after stipulated period shall not be considered.
9. Bidders must have valid registration with Employee Provident Fund organization under EPF and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1952 failing which the bid shall be rejected.
10. Bidders must not quote rate for routine maintenance. The amount for routine maintenance as indicated in the Bill of Quantities must be acceptable to bidders.
11. For unbalanced bids, extra security will be required to be deposited by the bidder at the time of Agreement.
12. The undersigned reserves the right to cancel the tender at any stage without giving prior notice/reason.

All other details can be seen in the bidding document which is available in website **pmgsytendersjhr.gov.in** as per schedule mentioned above.

Chief Engineer
JSRRDA, Ranchi

PR 309233 Rural Work Department(23-24).D

CAPITAL REGION URBAN TRANSPORT

Govt of Odisha
Plot No 548/1452, Kalarahanga, Patia, Bhubaneswar-751031, Odisha
Phone No. 0674-3501580, E-Mail Id :- crutbbsr@gmail.com

No. 2210 *Date: 16.10.2023*

1st Corrigendum to BID IDENTIFICATION No. 2181/G.M (Engg.)/CRUT/2023-24 dt.11.10.2023

NAME OF THE WORK :	1.	Construction of Electric Bus Depot at Naraj, Cuttack Odisha on Turnkey basis (Design & execution)
	2.	Construction of Electric Bus Depot at Pokhariput, Bhubaneswar, Odisha on Turnkey basis (Design & execution)

The tender for the above noted works was invited vide BID IDENTIFICATION No.2181/G.M (Engg.)/CRUT/2023-24 dt.11.10.2023 has been canceled due to Administrative reason.

GM, Engineering on behalf of Managing Director,
Capital Region Urban Transport (CRUT)

C-1634 : OIPR-13183/11/0018/2324

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, MARY Shalini @ S Mary Shalini, D/o.Sahadevan, r/at #637, Pillanna Garden, 3rd Stage, Near Nakshatra Apt, Lingarajapuram, St.Thomas Town Post, Bengaluru 560084 have changed my name to Shalini Sahadevan vide affidavit dtd 13.10.2023 sworn before Notary K.Venkateshan, Bluru

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH No.10)
O.S. No. 1928/2011

PLAINTIFFS:1. Smt. Narayanamma, Since deceased
2. Sri. K.R. Rajkumar, S/o late Ramaraju aged about 57 years, Both are R/at 29/30, 18th Cross, 8th Main, BTM layout, 2nd Stage, N.S. Palya, Bengaluru-76. **-V/s-**

DEFENDANTS: Smt. S.B. Pappachiamma, D/o Late Bheemanna, aged about 39 years, R/at No. Subbanna Garden, Tavarekere Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, and others

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANTS No. 33 & 36

DEFENDANT No. 33: S.B. Khandiga, D/o late Narayanamma, aged about 66 years, R/at Palipat Taluk, Vanganoor Post, Thiruvallur District, Tamil Nadu- 631204. **DEFENDANT No. 36: Ranganath .K,** S/o late Narayanamma, aged about 58 years, R/at 39/1, 3rd Cross, Vallabha nagar, Uttarahalli, Bengaluru 560 061.

Whereas the plaintiffs has been filed a suit for specific performance of contract against the defendants before the Hon'ble city Civil Judge, Bengaluru whereas the Hon'ble Court fix the date for your appearance on **24-11-2023** at 11:00 AM. If you fail to attend the same, the same will be dealt with your absence as exparte.

SCHEDULE

All the piece and parcel land to an extent 20 guntas in Sy. No. 50 of Tavarekere village, (now BTM layout) Begur Hobli, Bangalore -76 bounded on **East by:** Road, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Road, **South by** Munivenkatappa property,

Given under my hand and seal fo the court on 11-10-2023.

By order of the court, Assistant Registrar, City Civil Court, Bangalore.

M. SHANMUGAM YADAV, Advocate
89/3, 2nd floor, Shree complex, B.T Street, Avenue road Cross, Bangalore-560053.

IN THE COURT OF THE 26th ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH-20)
O.S. NO. 26866/2022

Between
ICICI Bank Limited,
Having its Registered office at Landmark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara- 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai- 400 051 and its branch office at Mythree Centre, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore - 560 068. Represented by its POA Holder Sri. Pramodh Gurumallappa B. **...Plaintiff**

And
Ms. Prathyusha Bellam
...Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

To,
Ms. Prathyusha Bellam
D/o Sri Ramesh Bellam,
Aged about 32 years, No. 58, 3rd Cross, P R Layout, Munnekolala, Marathahalli, Bangalore - 560 037

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of **Rs. 5,12,249/- (Rupees Five Lakh Twelve Thousand Two Hundred Forty Nine Only)** together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 26th Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH - 20) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on **17.11.2023** at **11:00 a.m.** failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this **09.10.2023.**

BY ORDER OF THE HON'BLE COURT
DEPUTY REGISTRAR,
CITY CIVIL COURT,
MAYOHALL UNIT
BANGALORE

ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
SA Associates,
No.10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore - 560 047

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Sukhraj Kaur Shergill W/O, Varun Dhanda R/o HNo. 1105, Tagore Nagar-B, Ludhiana 141001 have changed my name to Sukhraj Kaur. Concerned Note.

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In addition to the above, the following qualifications are preferred: **DBT / CSIR / UGC / DST - INSPIRE / ICMR / Any Government Fellowships.** Institutional fellowships may be provided to eligible candidates.

For application and Further details
http://www.cmchaematology.org/careers.php
Last date for application:
30th October 2023

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE 74th ADDL CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH-75)
O.S NO. 26790/2022
Hg. 30.10.2023

Between :
ICICI Bank Limited,
Having its Registered office at Landmark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara- 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai- 400 051 and its branch office at Mythree Centre, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560 068. Represented by its POA Holder Sri Pramodh Gurumallappa B **...Plaintiff**

And :
Sri Raghavendra G Shetty
...Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

To,
Sri Raghavendra G Shetty,
S/o Sri. Ganapati Subray Shetty, Aged about 46 years, No.1342, Kumaraswamy Layout, 1st Stage, 15th Cross, Bangalore South, Bangalore - 560 078

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of Rs. 4,16,694/- (Rupees Four Lakh Sixteen Thousand Six Hundred Ninety Four Only) together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 74th Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH - 75) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made. against you on **15.11.2023** at **11:00 a.m.** failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this **07.10.2023**

BY ORDER OF THE HON'BLE COURT
DEPUTY REGISTRAR,
CITY CIVIL JUDGE,
MAYOHALL UNIT
BANGALORE

ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
SA Associates, No. 10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore - 560 047

LEGAL NOTICE

BEFORE THE HON'BLE XVI ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH-12)
P & S C. No. 387/2023

PETITIONER :
1. Smt. MEENAKSHI. P. W/o. Late. N. Venkatraman, Aged about 55 years,
2. ARVIND.V. Aged about 25 years, S/o. Late. N. Venkatraman, Both Residing at: No.2948/6, 2nd Cross, Near ISEC, Nagarbhavi, BENGALURU - 560 072.

V/s

RESPONDENTS : 1. ANAND CHANDRASHEKARAN, Aged about 35 years, S/o. N. Chandrashekaran,
2. N.CHANDRASHEKARAN, Aged about 70 years, S/o.A.R.Natarajan,
3. Smt. MEENAKSHI CHANDRASHEKARAN, Aged about 66 years, W/o. N. Chandrashekaran

PULSE-CHECK

GETTY IMAGES

Palliative care, a way to reduce financial distress for people with life limiting diseases

It is the moral obligation of the health system to take care of people, especially when they are suffering from life-long and life-limiting illnesses. Early initiation of palliative care in patients with advanced disease has shown to reduce health expenditure by up to 25%

Parth Sharma
Deepak Sudhakaran

"I couldn't go for my six-monthly check-ups at the government district hospital as I didn't have the money for the autorickshaw. The travel alone costs around ₹1,200. My monthly income is only ₹1,600 through my disability pension. How can you expect me to go to the hospital? Where will the money for my routine expenditure come from?" asked Shankar (name changed), a 55-year-old man from Kerala who had been homebound for the past two years due to a stroke.

Like Shankar, many Indians are either a hospital bill away from poverty or too poor to access healthcare. It is estimated that nearly 5.5 crore people fall below the poverty line every year due to out-of-pocket healthcare expenditure. Out of these, 3.8 crore people become poor only because of the expenditure on medicines. "India is becoming the epicentre for non-communicable diseases and several of the patients with these diseases, like cancer, cardiac disease, renal failure or stroke, will eventually reach an incurable stage," says Padma Shri and 2023 Magsaysay Award recipient Dr. Ravi Kannan.

The rising cost of health

Non-communicable diseases will push more and more people into poverty as they require lifelong treatment and periodic health check-ups. However, the financial implications for a family associated with the continuous treatment of these diseases often go unnoticed in our health system. This often leads to 'financial toxicity' wherein there is a risk of bankruptcy, decreased treatment satisfaction, foregoing or delays in seeking further medical care, poor quality of life, and poor survival.

With only 1.35% of the gross domestic product (GDP) being spent on government health services, patients bear most of the health expenses. Even in government hospitals where treatment is supposed to be free, the cost of travel, purchasing medicines that many a time are out of stock in government pharmacies, and loss of wages due to the absence from work contribute to the financial toxicity.

A recent study by Dr. Prinja and his colleagues from India reported that an average of ₹8,035 is spent by a cancer patient per outpatient visit and ₹39,085 per hospitalisation in a tertiary care hospital in India. Similarly, the cost per outpatient clinic visit in a tertiary care hospital is ₹4,381 for a patient with diabetes and ₹1,427 for a patient with hypertension. Towards the end of life, attempts to continue treatment with the aim of prolonging life leads to even more financial burdens. Often caregivers have to sell assets and stop the education of children in the family to cope with the financial burden. The same study also reported that in patients with last-stage cancer, more than 65% faced impoverishment due to healthcare expenditure.

The importance of palliative care

Palliative care is a branch of medicine that looks at improving the quality of life of those having life-limiting illnesses like cancers, end-stage kidney disease, debilitating brain disorders, complications of diabetes, and heart disease among others. It is different from other medical specialities as it focuses on alleviating uncontrolled symptoms of the incurable illnesses mentioned above, and preventing non-beneficial investigations, and treatments. It takes into consideration not just the physical dimension of health but also actively looks at the social and economic realities of the patient and the family.

Early initiation of palliative care in patients with advanced disease has shown to reduce health expenditure by up to 25%. Palliative care is provided through outpatient visits, inpatient visits, and home-based care. Home-based care further reduces the cost of seeking care as home-bound patients no longer have to travel to seek healthcare. Vocational rehabilitation and social reintegration are crucial elements of palliative care which further help the affected family and the patient by providing them with the opportunities to earn a living and live independently with dignity. "Depending on their ability to work, we provide rehabilitation support to patients. We either teach them basic skills like stitching or introduce them to small-scale animal husbandry so they can have a source of income," told John, a social officer at Pallium India.

Lack of investment in palliative care

Despite existing for nearly four decades, awareness regarding palliative care in India, both among healthcare workers and the general public is low. Also, currently, palliative care is not covered under most insurance schemes in India. These two factors have resulted in poor demand and poor access to palliative care in the country. Unplanned and abysmal funding has also been a barrier to public health centres providing palliative care services.

The provision of such care from primary and secondary health centres is still a distant reality despite its inclusion in the ambitious Ayushman Bharat program. Furthermore, as palliative care is not a wealth-generating speciality but an expense-saving one, the increasingly privatised Indian health system has by and large chosen to neglect the speciality barring a few exceptions. The unavailability of such care services in the public and private setup has thus resulted in palliative care needs of the country being predominantly met by private non-profit organisations.

Incorporating palliative care into the Indian healthcare system

The funding mechanism of the National Program for Palliative Care needs to be reorganised, according to Padma Shri Dr. M.R. Rajagopal. "Instead of its current mode of occasional annual budgeting, the program must be consistently funded. Under the current mode, the state government is not sure whether the money will continue to be available in the subsequent year. This prevents long-term planning," said Dr. Rajagopal.

Considering that palliative care is known to save money for both patients and the provider, its provision in public health centres would help the government not only in saving money but also in protecting people from avoidable health expenditures. "Investing in palliative care is extremely wise as the returns in terms of human health and well-being are enormous," said Dr. Kannan who feels that it is the mark of a civilised society to make sure that patients with end-stage diseases are supported till the end of their lives.

According to both Dr. Kannan and Dr. Rajagopal, palliative care provisions will help in generating goodwill for corporate hospitals. "The family of the patient who has been taken care of at the end of their life will remain eternally grateful to the caregivers. They will bring back many more patients to be cared for at that health centre," said Dr. Kannan. The inclusion of palliative care will also improve the utilisation of beds in the hospital. "As opposed to the bed being occupied for a long duration by a patient with poor disease outcomes, the bed could be used to save the lives of people with better disease outcomes. This would increase the turnover rate of admissions in ICUs and thus ultimately help corporate hospitals in generating wealth. This is a win-win situation where the patient has a better quality of life, families face lesser financial toxicity and the ICU bed generates more wealth by being utilised by more people who truly need it," said Dr. Rajagopal.

It is the moral obligation of the health system to take care of people, especially when they are suffering from life-long and life-limiting illnesses. It's high time public and private healthcare providers realised the high returns of investing in palliative care and prioritised it.

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THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

A quiz on the history of the Gaza Strip which is making global headlines because of the armed conflict between the state of Israel and Hamas

V.V. Ramanan

QUESTION 1
Gaza has been continuously inhabited for more than 3,000 years. According to the Bible, who died in Gaza while destroying the Temple of the Philistines?

QUESTION 2
Which empire's control over Gaza came to an end during WWI and the area became part of the League of Nations mandate of Palestine under British rule?

QUESTION 3
Which country held the Gaza Strip for two decades under a military governor while allowing Palestinians to work and study in Egypt?

QUESTION 4
Hamas, which is also an Arabic word meaning 'zeal', is the acronym for the group which has controlled Gaza since 2007. Expand Hamas.

QUESTION 5
Name the UN agency that came into being in December 1949 to 'provide direct relief and works programmes for Palestinian refugees.

QUESTION 6
After which European Capital city is the pair of agreements between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), signed in 1993 and 1995, named?

Visual question:
Who is being kissed by PLO leader Yasser Arafat? AP

Questions and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. The reason why October 16 was selected as World Food Day. **Ans: Date on which FAO was founded in 1945**
2. The first of the UN's 17 Sustainable Development Goals is to end extreme poverty worldwide by 2030. This SDG deals with ending hunger and improving food security and nutrition. **Ans: SDG 2**
3. This is a significant and relatively new threat to food security. It is expected to lower crop yield, make the availability of water more uncertain, reduce soil fertility, and bring plant diseases to new areas. **Ans: Climate change**
4. This Nobel Prize winner asked the Nobel Foundation for help creating a new prize to fete others like him. The Foundation declined, but by 1986, General Foods Corp. offered help and the World Food Prize was born in 1987. **Ans: Norman Borlaug**
5. Some 3% of terrestrial plant species worldwide use the C4 photosynthetic pathway. This Indian scientist led efforts at the International Rice Research Institute to develop rice varieties that used the C4 photosynthetic pathway. **Ans: M.S. Swaminathan**
Visual: Golden rice was developed to tackle this deficiency. **Ans: Vitamin A**
Early Birds: Anuj Tiwari| Anju Sharma| Vaibhanshi Chaudhary| Gulab Singh Narwal| Sunil Kannada

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

K. Subrahmanian

"Sir, A. C. Chatterjee, Kurukshetra, wants to know the meaning of 'become' in 'The dress becomes her'."

"In this context, 'become' means 'suitable to', 'appropriate'.

It doesn't become you to lose your temper. Pettiness doesn't become you."

"Sir, Mr. G. P. Angappan wants to know the meaning of the word 'cynic'."

"A cynic is 'one who believes that people do not do things for good, sincere or noble reasons, but only for their own advantage'.

He is cynical about everything. He is cynical about all conferences.

'Cynic' was a member of the Greek Philosophers known as the Cynics. They were highly critical of ease, luxury, wealth and convention. Diogenes was a Cynic who despised all the comforts of life and lived in a tub. He used to go about with a lantern in his hand in broad daylight. Whenever he was asked why he was doing it, he used to say that he was looking for an honest man. 'Cynic' is from Greek 'Kunos' which means a 'dog'. Cynics were called Cynics because of their biting criticism and snarling manners."

"Sir, Miss P. Ben wants to know whether the word 'commit' is used correctly in the sentence 'He committed a mistake'."

" 'Commit' is generally used with 'crime', 'sin', 'blunder'. It is a strong word. A blunder is a big mistake. You can say 'I committed a blunder'. In English 'make a mistake' is generally used. In India, 'commit a mistake' seems to be more common. But it is better to use words like 'blunder', 'suicide', 'sin' with 'commit'."

"Sir, Mr. K. S. Dass wants to know the meaning of 'go over with a fine-tooth comb'."

"When you comb your hair, you arrange it, tidy it by using a comb. When you comb or comb through something, you search everywhere to find out someone or something.

We combed the entire village to find the missing child.

'To go over or go through something with a fine-tooth comb' means to 'examine something minutely and thoroughly'.

The authorities are examining the document with a fine-tooth comb.

'Fine-toothed comb' is also acceptable."

"Sir, Miss K. Subhansri Varma and Miss Subhashini Rajan want to know the difference between 'generally' and 'usually'."

" 'Generally' stresses 'reference to the majority of persons, instances or cases involved'.

The proposal was generally welcomed.

It also means 'in general sense, without regard to details'.

Generally speaking, this is a good report.

'Usually' means 'in the way that is usual', 'most often'. Often it is also used to mean 'generally'.

He is generally late. He is usually late.

In certain contexts you can only use 'usually' and not 'generally'.

The place is more than usually crowded."

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Word of the day

Redound:

return or recoil; contribute; have an effect for good or ill

Synonyms: accrue, impact, affect

Usage: *Her efforts will redound to the general good.*

Pronunciation: bit.ly/redoundpro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /ɹɪˈdaʊnd/, /ɹəˈdaʊnd/

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Strong Women Prosperous Nation

Her passion is her armour. Her spirit is her ornament. Her mind is her trident. Her strength is her crowning glory. This Navratri, UP Government, through Mission Shakti 4.0, salutes her courage, empowers her voice, and celebrates the miracle of womanhood.

Mission Shakti

Fourth Phase

Women Security
Women Dignity
Women Empowerment

- Free education for girls till graduation.
- **1.75 crore** women benefitted under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana.
- Employment to more than **1 crore** women through over **10 lakh** self-help groups.
- So far, the state has given government jobs to **1.50 lakh** women.
- **2.35 lakh** members of Self Help Groups given loans worth Rs. 2,353 crore for becoming self-reliant.
- More than **16.24 lakh** girls benefitted from Mukhyamantri Kanya Sumangala Yojana, grant amount being increased from Rs. 15,000 to Rs. 25,000.
- **66.59 lakh** women benefitted from 'Pradhan Mantri Swamitva Yojana (Gharauni).
- Over **2 lakh** women benefitted from PM SVANidhi Yojana.
- **58,000** women appointed as BC (Banking Correspondent) Sakhi.
- Property rights in revenue court for granddaughters (daughter of son), niece (daughter of real brother and sister).
- **1.90 crore** girls made aware through 'Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao' yojana.
- Under the Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana, **54.44 lakh** mother and child receiving financial help of Rs. 6, 000.
- **4,500** Pink toilets constructed in urban areas.
- Establishment of more than **10,417** women beat.
- Under the Pension Scheme for Destitute Women, widows are provided with **Rs 1,000** as pension, per month. **31.50 lakh** destitute women receiving pension.
- **2.61** crore toilets constructed under Swachh Bharat Mission, more than 10 crore people benefitted.

HELPLINE

181 WOMEN HELPLINE

1090 WOMEN POWER LINE
1076 CHIEF MINISTER HELPLINE
108 AMBULANCE SERVICE
101 FIRE SERVICE

1098 CHILD LINE
102 HEALTH CARE SERVICE (AMBULANCE FOR PREGNANCY AND NEONATAL)
112 EMERGENCY SERVICE
1930 CYBER HELP LINE

- Marriage of 3.10 lakh couples under Mukhyamantri Samuhik Vivah Yojana (grant amount increased from Rs. 35000 to Rs. 51000)
- Under the National Nutrition Mission, 1.77 crore beneficiaries have been provided with fortified wheat, porridge, gram, pulses and fortified cooking oil.
- Rani Lakshmibai Bal Evam Mahila Samman Kosh established to support female victims of violence. Compensation given to 7,105 women/girls.
- Women PAC battalion established in Badaun, Lucknow, and Gorakhpur.
- Accused sentenced in 19,415 cases of crimes against women and minors
- 'One Stop Centres' established in all the districts to assist female victims of violence. Assistance provided to more than 1.49 lakh women.
- Ranks first in the country in providing punishment in cases of POCSO Act and crimes against women.

Information & Public Relations Department, Uttar Pradesh

INBRIEF

Two new contraceptives launched in Karnataka

Health and Family Welfare Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao on Monday launched two new contraceptives -- SubDermal Single Rod contraceptive Implants and SC- MPA Injectable contraceptive -- which are regarded as effective spacing options.

The contraceptives were launched at State Family Planning Summit - "New Choices, New Horizons" - in Bengaluru on Monday. Four districts from Karnataka – Bengaluru, Bidar, Mysuru, and Yadgir – are among the 40 districts in 10 States in the country where the new options will be introduced on a pilot basis. The State Health Department has identified the healthcare facilities in the four districts where the new contraceptive methods will be introduced.

"The country still has significant need for modern contraception. As many as 47.7% of births in India are poorly spaced and in Karnataka 56.2% of births are poorly spaced, impacting the maternal and infant morbidity. Therefore, ensuring healthy birth spacing remains a priority for the state," said a release

Shivamogga airport to soon start flights to 3 new places

The Shivamogga airport which started commercial operations on August 31 with flight services on the Bengaluru-Shivamogga route will add direct flights to three more destinations which are Goa, Tirupati and Hyderabad.

Star Air, a Bengaluru-based regional airline, will start flights from Shivamogga to the three destinations starting this winter schedule.

"We will connect Shivamogga to Goa, Tirupati and Hyderabad this winter schedule which will commence from October 29 onwards, " Simran Singh Tiwana, chief executive officer, Star Air, told *The Hindu*. Mr. Tiwana added that the airline will soon announce which type of aircraft would be deployed and the flight frequency.

The airline on October 15 started a new flight from Bengaluru to Kolhapur to Mumbai. Currently Indigo operates non-stop daily flights between Bengaluru and Shivamogga.

Energy crisis: Escoms to get 1,100 MW of power from private power generators

Energy Minister conducts review session with Escom heads to assess the current situation; govt. is actively procuring additional power from the grid to cope with surging demand, he says

The Hindu Bureau
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The government has invoked Section 11 of the Electricity Act under national disaster management to procure electricity from power generators in the State. FILE PHOTO

Amidst shortage of power in the face of poor monsoon in the State, Electricity Supply Companies (Escoms) in Karnataka will receive an extra 1,100 MW of power from private power generators. The State government has invoked Section 11 of the Electricity Act under national disaster management to procure electricity from power generators in the State, which is currently facing a shortage of 1,500 MW.

On Monday, Energy Minister K.J. George conducted a review session with the heads of the Escoms to assess the current situation. Addressing the media, Mr. George said that the government was actively procuring additional power from the grid to cope with the surging demand.

Supply to farmers

"Despite a 40% increase in production from last year, there remains a deficit of 1,500 MW. Consequently, farmers will receive three-phase power supply for five hours daily. The supply will be distributed in a staggered manner on a rotational basis. This measure has been necessitated by the fact that irrigation pumpsets (IP sets) are the largest consumers of power in the State," he said.

"The Union government has agreed to augment Karnataka's share in the central grid, effective from December 1. To address immediate power generation needs, Section 11 has been invoked with the objective of securing an immediate power supply of 1,000-1,100 MW," he added.

Stating that the power deficit was not a Karnataka specific phenomenon this year, he said, "The deficit (in Karnataka) is attributed to natural calamities, including drought, a shortfall in wind energy, and cloud cover. Nevertheless, we have effectively managed this situation by procuring power from the grid. We have taken significant steps, by identifying 400 substations, out of which 230 are in progress. We are on track to procure power from KUDAGI by December 1, and we have also established a barter system with Punjab and U.P.," he added. Mr. George noted that in the same period last year, the demand ranged from 8,000-8,500 MW during August-September, but this year, the demand has surged dramatically to 15,000-16,000 MW. "Currently, the State's generation from thermal and hydro sources stands at 1,100-1,300 MW. Between April 23 and October 15, 2023, the State incurred an expenditure of ₹1,102 crore to purchase 1,627 MU of power from external sources through power exchange. During this timeframe, the State earned ₹265 crore by selling 636 MU through the Indian Energy Exchange (IEX)."

The State government has also made the decision to solarise irrigation pumpsets (IP sets), a move expected to benefit farmers. "With 3.5 lakh farmers in the State, the plan includes the establishment of 400 substations generating 3,000 MW of power. The decision stipulates that any substation located within 500 metres from the grid must be transformed into a solar substation. We are working on expanding the solar power park in Pavagada from its current capacity of 2,300 MW to adding another 2,000 MW in 10,000 acres. Solar power parks will also be set up in Gadag and Kalaburagi," he added.

Apart from this, the government has chosen to blend 10% imported coal with domestically sourced coal to tackle quality issues. Mr. George stated, "The government is also actively engaged in establishing pumped storage facilities in Sharavathi, collaborating under the PPP model with several companies, including Jindal," he added.

'Will convene JD(S) core committee meeting to oppose alliance with BJP'

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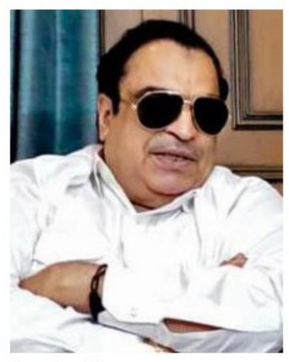

C.M. Ibrahim

Janata Dal (Secular) State president C.M. Ibrahim, who has raised a banner of revolt against the party leadership for joining hands with the BJP, on Monday said he would soon convene a core committee meeting of the party to take a call on the future move.

Addressing a meeting of some of the party leaders convened by him, Mr. Ibrahim said there was no question of him quitting the party as he was the "real JD(S)".

He asked other like-minded leaders, who are opposed to the alliance with BJP, to desist from quitting. "This is our house. Why should we quit? In fact, I will soon convene a meeting of the party core committee to take the next call in the wake of our opposition to the alliance with BJP," he said.

He also said he would speak to all the MLAs of the party individually to convince them about the need to oppose the alliance with BJP. He said he would convene a meeting of party leaders in Bengaluru Palace Grounds to elicit their views on the political alliance.

Muslim voters

Maintaining that a substantial number of Muslim voters had backed the JD(S) in the recent Assembly polls, he said the party should not join hands with the BJP.

He also stated that already some of the BJP leaders including former Chief Minister D. V. Sadananda Gowda and former Minister S.T. Somashekhar had opposed the alliance with JD(S).

Mr. Ibrahim said that party supremo H.D. Deve Gowda still commanded a lot of respect in the party and he should heed the voice of party workers and not go with the saffron party.

HDK reacts

Reacting to Ibrahim's statement, former Chief Minister and JD (S) leader H.D. Kumaraswamy said the State party chief is independent and can take his decision. "We will wait for his decision," he said.

"There is one decision taken by the party workers, and all leaders. In that background, he (Mr. Ibrahim) deliberated with his supporters in the meeting convened by him. He is completely free to make his decision," he said. Mr. Kumaraswamy on September 22 agreed to be part of the NDA after meeting Union Home Minister Amit Shah and party president J.P. Nadda in New Delhi.

I-T raids: BJP stages protests; CM dismisses allegations

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU/MYSURU

The Opposition BJP began its two-day protest on Monday demanding resignation of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar linking them with corruption in the backdrop of the recent I-T raids on a contractor that unearthed a huge haul of money.

Meanwhile, Mr. Siddaramaiah dismissed BJP's allegations as "politically motivated" and "baseless." When attempts are made to "politically link" the money found during the raid by Income Tax Department, it is a "political statement and baseless allegation", he told reporters in Mysuru.

The BJP activists staged dharna in front of the Deputy Commissioners' offices in various district centres demanding an end to the alleged corruption.

They reiterated their allegation that the money that was unearthed during the I-T raids was commission collected from contractors for clearing their pending bills and that the sum was meant to be transported to the five poll-bound States.

The BJP demanded that both the Chief Minister and the Deputy Chief Minister should resign owning up moral responsibility for the alleged corruption. The BJP is set to stage similar protests in all the Assembly constituencies of the State on Tuesday.

Mr. Siddaramaiah dismissed the protests by the BJP on the issue.

"They are staging protests for a political purpose in view of the coming elections to the Parliament and five States," he said.

Mr. Siddaramaiah said the Congress High Command has never asked for even five paise till now. "All are false and baseless allegations," he said.

Venugopal makes sudden visit to Bengaluru, holds consultations with Kharge and DKS

The Hindu Bureau
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While DKS sought to downplay Venugopal's sudden visit, speculations are rife that he may have rushed to quell the alleged dissatisfaction among a group of legislators

Triggering political speculations, All India Congress Committee (AICC) general secretary K.C. Veugopal made a surprise visit to Bengaluru on Monday.

Mr. Venugopal held consultations with Deputy Chief Minister and Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee president D.K. Shivakumar as well as AICC president M. Mallikarjun Kharge, who was also in Bengaluru. However, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah was away in Mysuru. Mr. Venugopal reportedly held talks with prominent Congress leader and Public Works Minister Sathish Jarkiholi.

While Mr. Shivakumar sought to downplay the sudden visit of Mr. Venugopal to Bengaluru, speculations were rife that he may have rushed to Bengaluru to quell the alleged dissatisfaction among a group of legislators led by Mr. Satish Jarkiholi, who hails from Belagavi district. However, Mr. Jarkiholi made it clear to mediapersons that he was not dissatisfied.

On the reports that he was set to visit Mysuru along with nearly 20 MLAs from Congress to send a message that he has the support of so many MLAs, Mr. Jarkiholi said it was just a group of like-minded MLAs who wanted to visit Mysuru on the invitation from other MLAs in Mysuru. However, the group did not go ahead with its Mysuru visit plans. Mr. Venugopal's visit also coincided with the I-T raids on a contractor that have resulted in unearthing of huge sum of money.

Responding to queries by mediapersons, Mr. Shivakumar said Mr. Venugopal had arrived in Bengaluru to review the preparations for Lok Sabha polls, particularly to look into the issue of Ministers being asked to submit reports on the situation in districts assigned to them.

Referring to the allegations levelled against him by the Opposition parties in the wake of the I-T raids on a contractor in Bengaluru resulting in unearthing of crores of money, he said: "I am not a coward. I will not run away. I will give a befitting reply to all of them including the former Chief Minister."

HC fiat on suspension of public servant

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BENGALURU

The order of suspension has to be passed on an independent application of mind by the disciplinary authority and not merely on the dictate of any outside agency, said the High Court of Karnataka.

The power to place an employee under suspension borders upon the power of a penal provision, and hence "it is trite law that the power of suspension is to be exercised only after due application of mind, as in certain circumstances, suspension can become worse than a penalty," the court said.

Justice M. Nagaprasanna passed the order while quashing the order of suspension of petitioner, Zaranappa Chincholikar, an Executive Engineer with Karnataka Rural Infrastructure Development Ltd. (KRIDL), Koppal. However, the court gave liberty to KRIDL to pass a fresh order of suspension, in necessary, with proper of application of mind.

Request of Lokayukta

The court pointed out that the petitioner was suspended by the KRIDL merely on the request for his suspension made by the Lokayukta police, who in July 2023, registered a case against the petitioner for prima facie possessing assets, which is 244% proportionate to his known sources of income.

The suspension order, the court noted, had merely stated that the disciplinary authority had "examined with care" the request of the Lokayukta police and no other depiction of application of mind is demonstrable in the suspension order.

"Though the Discipline and Appeal Rules of the KRIDL does not in so many words direct application of mind by the disciplinary authority to place an employee under suspension, it is trite law that the power of suspension is to be exercised only after due application of mind...," the court observed.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF SCHOOL EDUCATION, SAMAGRA SHIKSHANA KARNATAKA – BIDAR

Ref No: SSK/Bdr/KGBV Type-1/Man Power/Supply/e-tender/2023-24 Date : 13.10.2023

E-TENDER APPLICATION

Short term e-tender called for Man Power Service supply to 4 KGBV Type-1, Residential schools running in Bidar District. Tender amount Rs, 50,52,000/.

Date of commencement of tender is from 12.10.2023 to 25.10.2023. Interested tenderers are invited through e-Procurement portal. Last date for submission of tender is dated 25.10.2023. For further information go through the web site, http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in

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Sl. No	Online Tender no. / Rate Contract (RC) No./ item with qty./ Document Cost	Sale Period	Pre bid	Last date Submission	Opening
1	RC Tender No.E1069/PFB/DME-11MCH/TNMSC/ENGG/ 2023, dt: 12.10.2023- Paraffin Embedding Bath (66) – Rs.5,725/-	17.10.2023 to 31.10.2023	25.10.2023 11.00 AM	01.11.2023 11.00 AM	01.11.2023 12.00 Noon
2	RC Tender No.E1070/MSW/DME-11MCH/TNMSC/ENGG/ 2023, dt: 12.10.2023- Fully Automated High throughput Multi-stainer Workstation (11) – Rs.3,435/-	17.10.2023 to 31.10.2023	25.10.2023 11.30 AM	01.11.2023 11.00 AM	01.11.2023 12.00 Noon
3	RC Tender No.E1071/GS//DME-11MCH/TNMSC/ENGG/ 2023, dt: 12.10.2023- Grossing Station (11) – Rs.3,435/-	18.10.2023 to 01.11.2023	25.10.2023 12.00 Noon	02.11.2023 11.00 AM	02.11.2023 12.00 Noon
4	RC Tender No.E1072/MANN//DME-11MCH/TNMSC/ENGG/2023, dt: 12.10.2023- IM Gluteal mannequin (110), Intradermal Mannequin (110), Subcutaneous mannequin (110) & IM Deltoid Mannequin (110)– Rs.5,725/-	18.10.2023 to 01.11.2023	26.10.2023 11.00 AM	02.11.2023 11.00 AM	02.11.2023 12.00 Noon
5	RC Tender No.E1073/AT//DME-11MCH/TNMSC/ENGG/ 2023, dt: 12.10.2023- Autopsy Table (66) – Rs.5,725/-	19.10.2023 to 02.11.2023	26.10.2023 11.30 AM	03.11.2023 11.00 AM	03.11.2023 12.00 Noon
6	RC Tender No.E1074/SPECT//DME-11MCH/TNMSC/ENGG/ 2023, dt: 12.10.2023, Infra-Red Spectroscope (11), Mass Spectrometer (11), Digital Spectrophotometer (11) & Ultra Violet Spectroscope (11)– Rs.5,725/-	19.10.2023 to 02.11.2023	26.10.2023 12.00 Noon	03.11.2023 11.00 AM	03.11.2023 12.00 Noon

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DIPR/5620/Tender/2023 General Manager (Equipment)

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General public is hereby informed that my client intends to enter into Joint Development Agreement with the absolute owner of the Schedule Property **SRI. N. C. KRISHORE KUMAR**, Son of Late N. Y. Chinnaswamy Reddy having inherited the Schedule Property from his father Late N. Y. Chinnaswamy Reddy and mother Smt. Gowramma and now my client intends to develop the Schedule Properties by constructing apartment building.

Hence any person/s having objection /s asserting claim, right, title or interest, charge, lien, with respect to the Schedule Properties can contact the undersigned within **10 days** with all documentary proof. If no objections are received within the prescribed time my client shall proceed with to develop the properties by constructing apartment building as if no claims exist and that they have been waived or abandoned. Objection/s received thereafter shall not be binding on my client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTIES

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OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH

OBITUARY

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S/o Chellammal & Srinivasaraghavan
Retd Headmaster Vellore.
Eldest Brother of Ramanujam Raghunandanan
Shyamala Narasimhan
Uncle of Nandini Narayanan
leaving behind Near and Dear
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DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

SUHASINI RAMASWAMY
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Amma, it's a year since you left us and we miss you terribly
MĀDHU, SRIRAM, PAPU, ACHIN, VIDUR

‘City’s start-up ecosystem has had an impact on rural Karnataka’s entrepreneurial aspirations’

The low women’s labour force participation has been slowing India’s economic growth, but the future looks positive, says Anand Sri Ganesh

INTERVIEW

Anand Sri Ganesh

Shilpa Elizabeth
BENGALURU

Women entrepreneures at Swavalambane programme.

India has been riding the start-up and entrepreneurship wave for a while now, however, the share of women entrepreneurs has been significantly low. While NITI Aayog figures from 2022 peg the number of women entrepreneurs running micro, medium, and small enterprises at around 20 percent, other reports note that the share of women entreprenurs in India have been hovering around 14 percent.

NSRCEL, the incubation arm of IIM Bangalore, in collaboration with the Karnataka State Rural Livelihood Promotion Society (KSRLPS), recently launched the Swavalambane program designed to scale and support women-owned non-farm businesses in rural Karnataka. The programme provides scaling opportunities to 150 women entrepreneurs.

Anand Sri Ganesh, CEO of NSRCEL at IIM Bangalore, spoke to *The Hindu* about the programme, the need for more women entrepreneurs, and the trickle-down impacts of Bengaluru’s start-up ecosystem.

Tell us a bit about the Swavalambane programme and what it aims to achieve

The Swavalambane programme stems from the realisations of the National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) that entrepreneurship could play a great role in improving the quality of life in rural regions or hinterlands. The NRLM team reached out to us almost a year back to co-develop a programme for the same.

The idea of incubating nano entrepreneurs was a new concept. At NSRCEL, our idea of entrepreneurship has been very innovation- and technology-driven However, they wanted to partner and create a product design that might help rural woman entrepreneurs to create and scale great beautiful businesses. They wanted to pilot it and scale it nationwide later. It was an opportunity we couldn’t say no to.

We decided to focus on non-farm product ideas for the first pilot. So, that defined the boundaries of the programme - an incubation programme that would help women entrepreneurs with non-farm products to scale their businesses.

That also meant we would look at businesses with some revenue traction. While we considered an annual revenue of ₹15 lakhs initially, we realised it was not practical when we into the field. So, we divided it into three segments with thresholds of less than ₹5 lakhs, ₹5-15 lakhs, and above ₹15 lakhs.

We went to all 31 districts of Karnataka to understand the nature of entrepreneurship in those

A woman entrepreneure at the Swavalambane programme.

places and worked very closely with the state livelihood mission. We got a sense of the bottlenecks and opportunities and that helped us create a programme design and structure. When we rolled it out we received an overwhelming number of around 40,000 applications. We funneled it down to 150.

The product categories range across apparel, silk textiles, toys, jewelry, home décor, food products, and so on.

How would the programme help the entrepreneurs?

One is through financial support in the form of grants and loans.

The programme also offers strong capability building in terms of creating an entrepreneurial mindset. There is also a large social context as women entrepreneurs have to work with their communities as well as their families.

Capability building focuses on building entrepreneurial mindsets and on venture capability building.

The third dimension is mentorship and personal capability building. We are working with partners to engage grassroots mentors who can work with the founders every week on very contextual problems.

In addition to that we are buddying every founder with another NSRCEL alumni.

It’s a 12-month program. We hope for at least a 15 per cent increase in revenue within the 12 months itself.

Anand Sri Ganesh

Which regions of Karnataka are the women entrepreneurs from?

They are from across the state. There were a high number of applicants from Tumkur, Davangere, Bangalore rural and Ramnagara this time. It could be different next time.

Do the ventures run by the women have cultural linkages to where they are from?

At least 70 per cent of the businesses have deep local roots. You’ll see artisanship, craftsmanship, manufacturing techniques and so on.

The second aspect is that, so far, the market of these products would have been within, say, a 10-km radius. So, while they are deeply rooted in local cultures, the market has also been local in nature. If we can unlock it further, there could be a much larger opportunity.

Reports suggest that the share of women entrepreneurs in India is as low as around 14 per cent. What are your views in this?

Depending on what report you read, women’s labor force participation could vary from 13 to 26 percent. This is not necessarily a societal challenge. Our challenge is an economic challenge.

If less than half the population of the country is not coming to economic parity, then how do we grow from being a lower-middle-income country?

Our per capita income is $2,600. In the US it is $71,000; in China $12,800; in Bangladesh $4,500. We could be a 5-trillion economy because of population, but a per capita income of $2,600 is just not okay.

However, from a macroeconomics perspective I think it is also an opportunity. If we look at the progress over the last five to seven years, it has been incredible both from an innovation side and at the grassroot levels.

Of course, Karnataka, compared to other states, is a relatively higher-income state. But, the inequity between large economic clusters and rural hinterland is still very stark. The model of encouraging rural women entrepreneurs has to hit a national scale. And there will be, I’m sure, a tipping point. Other countries like Vietnam and Mexico have done it. They were on a similar journey and the moment the labor force participation tipped over, the entire economy tipped over. Now they’re in a different per capita income growth trajectory.

Has Bengaluru being the start-up hub and Silicon Valley of India had any impact on the rural regions of Karnataka?

Massive. Aspiration levels are extremely high. If you talk to the children of the women entrepreneurs who are part of the programme you’d see that they know companies like Infosys.

They know how an Indian company has made it. So, role models have been created and along with that, the sense of confidence that other people who look like us and talk like us have done it, so we also can. That is a cultural barrier break. While the Bengaluru entrepreneur environment is strongly technology and innovation-driven it has had definitely a trickle down effect.

Do you think the number of women entrepreneurs have been rising?

For sure. Over the last five to seven years it has definitely been rising. There are quite a few factors contributing to it.

Sometimes timing makes a difference. Entrepreneurship culture is being more respected lately.

The second factor is that probably some of our societal norms are getting unlocked. Today, if I’m a woman entrepreneur, I can tell my family that I’m setting up a silk embroidery business and it is quite likely that, at least in many pockets, you will get a very positive response. Today if you go to a bank - I’m not saying it’s so well penetrated - but there are opportunities like the MUDRA scheme, the Standup India scheme, and so on. I I don’t want to say it’s completely hunky-dory, but at least windows are opening up if not doors.

India as a market for India is really opening up. So many of us are appreciative and desirous of products and services made by Indian for Indians and it doesn’t have to be a government rhetoric.

So cultural nuances, markets opening up, government initiatives and of course the larger startup environment in the country have together created a good perfect storm. You have long way to go, but it is creating a very positive momentum.

Indu Antony’s book chronicles the phenomenon of denying people a traditional burial ground

Working with two researchers on the ground, Indu and her team conducted interviews with nearly 100 people, to understand this phenomenon

Preeti Zachariah
BENGALURU

Directory of the Outsiders by Indu Antony.

Indu Antony first heard about the concept of a *Themmadi Kuzhi* in 2017, when her father’s sister died by suicide.

“There was a lot of talk about how cases like this would often go into a *Themmadi Kuzhi* (Malayalam for scoundrel’s pit),” says the Bengaluru-based artist, who released her limited-edition photobook, *Directory of the Outsiders*, last month. “That was when I first heard this word, and I started understanding that there was something like this,” says Antony.

She spent the next seven years working on this book that chronicles this phenomenon of denying people a traditional burial ground and burying them, without any rituals, in a different pit called *Themmadi Kuzhi* if they violated the church’s edicts in any way. “A lot of the cases were suicides, people who married outside the church or spoke against it,” says Antony, pointing out that as recently as 2018, the former nun Lucy Kalappura was threatened with the *Themmadi Kuzhi* when she spoke against the rape-accused priest, Bishop Franco Mulakkal.

Fear of being excluded

After all, this fear of being excluded shapes people’s choices and is essentially about the church exercising control over society. “The last thing they can do to you is control your death,” she says. “Living with the idea of shame, of having committed something wrong, the weight of sin—all of these things are addressed in the book,” says Antony, adding that even actress Priyanka Chopra’s grandmother was denied a burial because she had married a Hindu.

Working with two researchers on the ground, Indu and her team conducted interviews with nearly 100 people, trying to understand this phenomenon better.

“It was a lot of groundwork, and some people didn’t respond,” she remembers, adding that they also looked at archives of various newspapers to further their research. “I chose the book form (to showcase these findings) to reach as many people as possible,” says Antony, who also displayed these findings at an exhibition earlier this year.

It was incredibly challenging because there was very little documentation of the practice. “We don’t know the beginnings of it,” says Antony. And though there have been records of people finding skeletons in the ground while constructing their homes near a church, “we don’t have strong evidence about who were the people buried in the *Themmadi Kuzhi*,” she says.

Lack of record

This lack of record around this practice shows up in the book’s aesthetic since “I wanted people to sit in with the idea that we don’t know a lot of things,” says Antony. Under a deep-green cover, printed with a photograph of one such *Themmadi Kuzhi* and brown binding, which mimics an old Bible, are page after page containing the outlines of passport-sized pictures of people with indistinct features. “One of the design decisions that we took early on, which was very crucial to the book, was—as we were discovering more and more cases of people—we decided to keep (only) the silhouettes of the people,” she says. When you lift the pages against the light, these disappear. “This was done intentionally to talk about the multiple cases that never came into light.”

Directory of the Outsiders, priced at ₹2,500, is available for sale at www.mazhibooks.com

FROM THE ARCHIVES

The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO OCTOBER 17, 1973

Mysore’s Financial Position Sound: Minister

Bangalore, Oct. 16: The Mysore Finance Minister, Mr. M.Y. Ghorpade, to-day refuted allegations that the finances of the State were in a bad shape and that the Government was unable to pay salaries to its employees. He described reports of bouncing of Government cheques as “Opposition propaganda to shake public confidence in the Government.”

He was replying to the debate on the supplementary demands for 1973-74 (first instalment) totalling Rs. 11 crores. The House later passed the bill. Mr. Ghorpade however added that the State was facing some difficulties as regards ways and means advances because of delays in obtaining Central aid.

Central Aid for Drought Relief: CM Confident

Bangalore, Oct. 16: The Chief Minister, Mr. D. Devaraj Urs, maintained in the Legislative Council to-day that the Centre would reimburse the expenditure incurred by the State Government on drought relief on the same lines as in the past.

The Finance Minister, Mr. M.V. Ghorpade, said up to the end of June last the State Government had incurred an expenditure of Rs. 63 crores on this count and the Centre had reimbursed Rs. 30 crores. According to the procedure followed last year, 50 per cent of the Central assistance would be in the form of grant, and 25 per cen in the form of loan.

CITYBEATS

Desi dancing

It's the season to dance the dandiya! This year, experience a night filled with traditional fervour and non-stop Dandiya Raas at 'We Desi: Disco Dandiya.' Dance your heart away to popular folk dance numbers and lively music at the Sheraton Grand Bangalore Hotel, Brigade Gateway

On October 21 from 7 pm onwards. *Entry ₹499/- For more information call +91 9591996959*

Best of Biscoff

Glazed at Courtyard By Marriott Bengaluru in Hebbal has introduced Biscoff Treats for this festive season. Their pastry chefs have created delights such as Biscoff baked cheese cake, Biscoff eclair, Biscoff and nougat tart, dark chocolate and Biscoff drizzle petit dome and much more.

Starting from October 20 to November 5. Prices start from ₹399 plus taxes. For further details contact 9606482968

Delve into mixology

There is an ongoing Gin and Tonic Festival that will give you a peek into the art of mixology, courtesy The Bengaluru Brasserie. Spread over six days, you will learn more about this evergreen drink – from exotic Karma Kettle infusions, to delightful in-house concoctions.

At the Bengaluru Brasserie, Hyatt Centric, MG Road, from October 16-21, from 5pm to 11pm. Call 080 4018 7200 for more details.

Decoding the intricacies of ragas

The veteran musician traced the composer's contributions to Carnatic music that range from varnams to thillanas and harikatha

R. Revathi

A living legacy Madurai TN Seshagopalan accompanied by son and disciple TNS Krishna, (below) Harikesanallur Muthiah Bhagavatar. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

It was a journey down memory lane at Nadasurabhi Cultural Association in Bengaluru as it was the 75th birthday celebration of the versatile musician Madurai T.N. Seshagopalan. During this event, the organisation honoured him with a Lifetime Achievement Award in a grand and fitting manner.

Harini Raghavan, the secretary of Nadasurabhi, reminisced about the organisation's three-decade-long association with TNS. She highlighted their history of arranging concerts, hosting him, and engaging in conversations solely centered on music, occasionally with witty references to food.

Some of the senior artistes who have accompanied Seshagopalan also recalled their association with the veteran artiste. Octogenarian mridangam vidwan AV Anand spoke about TNS' on-stage spontaneity and shared his experiences of accompanying him on various occasions. Violinist HK Venkatram recounted his experience on how for the first time he substituted for the artiste who was to accompany Seshagopalan at a Ramanavami concert in Bengaluru.

Vocalist Gayathri Girish, a disciple of TN Seshagopalan, shared her insights about both learning directly from him and through listening to his concerts.

Ramesh Swamy of Unnati Foundation recalled Seshagopalan's impromptu Nayaki raga essay for the kriti 'Ranganayakam' at one of his earlier concerts at the Andavan Ashram, Jayanagar, Bengaluru, that had a lasting impact.

Dr. MRV Prasad, physician and president of the Bangalore Gayana Samaja, spoke about Seshagoplan's unwavering devotion to music, highlighting his proficiency in playing the veena, keyboard and harmonium, and how the veteran musician shared his musical knowledge with the audience at a week-long music conference held in Bengaluru in 2005.

He also fondly remembered when TNS was honoured with the Sangeeta KalaRatna by Bangalore Gayana Samaja in 2005 and his presiding over a week-long music conference, enlightening the audience with his wisdom.

Tributes to Muthiah Bhagavatar

Following the award ceremony, TNS Krishna, son and disciple of Seshagopalan, presented a short film documenting the veteran musician's life and experiences. Seshagoplan paid tributes to Harikesanallur Muthiah Bhagavatar, emphasising his contributions to classical music and harikatha. His guru Ramanathapuram Sankarasivam trained under Muthiah Bhagavatar for 16 years.

TNS mentioned that Muthiah Bhagavatar excelled not only in music but also in harikatha, highlighting his prowess as a musicologist and composer. It is probably this aspect that would have influenced Seshagopalan to adopt Bhagavatar's style while presenting Harikatha. Also discussed were how Muthiah Bhagavatar has composed diverse range of compositions – from pada and daru varnams to kritis, thillanas, viruthams, themmangu, and kavadichindu.

Seshagopalan presented a picture of Bhagavatar as a lively person, fond of perfumes and wished to wear new clothes every day. The veteran musician also shared insights about Bhagavatar's initial music training in Tiruvaiyaru under Sambasiva Bhagavatar, who belonged to the Tyagaraja lineage; his learning of Lakshana gitas, thayams from TS Sabesa Iyer, son of Sambasiva Bhagavatar; and his vocal practice to achieve singing in three octaves effortlessly. It was interesting to note that Harikesanallur Bhagavatar was just 20 years old when he was appointed the asthana vidwan of Travancore in 1897.

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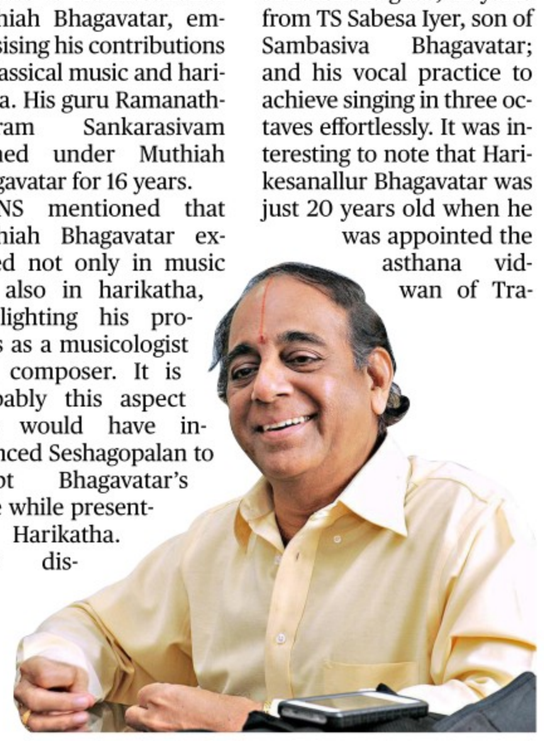


Seshagopalan also traced Muthiah Bhagavatar's journey of performing Harikatha (which was originally started by Thanjavur Krishna Bhagavatar based on the Marathi kirtans), and how he continued the tradition on the lines of veterans such as Palakkad Anantharama Bhagavatar and Kallidaikurichi Vedantha Bhagavatar.

Intricate laya aspects

By singing a kavadichindu with intricate laya aspects, Seshagopalan demonstrated Muthiah Bhagavatar's creativity. He also delved into how Muthiah Bhagavatar composed his own 'nirupanams' for his harikathas, and the thillana in 'Valli Parinayam.'

Highlighting Bhagavatar's enduring legacy, TN Seshagopalan noted that his compositions have become more popular than the composer himself.

He shared anecdotes about Bhagavatar's performances at Mysuru during the Dasara festival, which earned him the position of chief asthana vidwan of Mysore samasthanam. Seshagopalan elaborated on the distinctive features of Bhagavatar's compositions, including the starting notes and unique eduppus in his Sahana and Kiravani compositions, and his mastery in vadi-samvadi poruthams by singing a part of Suddha Dhanyasi varnam. He followed it up with a grand elaboration of the third chittaswaram from the Mohanam raga Ata tala varnam and another chittaswaram from the Khamas raga daru varnam with brilliant swaraksharas.

To illustrate the creativity of Muthiah Bhagavathar, Seshagopalan briefly sang the 'English Note' popularised by Madurai Mani Iyer and the signature tune of Akashvani, set in raga Vijayanagari. TNS briefed about Bhagavatar's stay in Varanasi, where he adapted many Hindustani ragas, the most popular being the Hamsanandi raga.

He also highlighted Bhagavatar's contributions of new ragas to Carnatic music such as Karnaranjani and Pasupathipriya. TNS observed that raga Budhamanohari could have been inspired by a graha bhedam in Kuntalavarali raga, as Muthiah Bhagavatar was an expert in graha bhedam and had presented a lecdem exclusively on the subject at The Music Academy in Chennai.

TNS recognised Bhagavatar's role in preserving Swati Tirunal compositions. His treatise, *Sangita Kalpadrumam*, that covers various musical concepts made him the first musician to be conferred an honorary doctorate. He concluded his presentation with a composition dedicated to Harikesanallur Muthiah Bhagavatar, celebrating the ragas he contributed to Carnatic music.

When dreams come true

Shilpa Anandraj

Destiny's child Aradhana Ram. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Aradhana Ram gets a debut that many actors can only dream of. The 22 year-old actor is currently shooting in the outskirts of Bengaluru for a big budget film titled *Kaatera* and speaks to us over the phone amidst the shoots-. Directed by Tarun Sudhir, the film is produced by Rockline Venkatesh and Aradhana is paired opposite none other than 'challenging star' Darshan.

Aradhana, daughter of Malashree and the late film producer Ramu, says, "Facing the camera with Darshan has been an incredible experience. Getting an opportunity such as this for my very first film is nothing less than a blessing. This platform has provided me not just an opportunity to act with Darshan, but also to work with a director such as Tharun sir and the huge banner of Rockline. The journey has been amazing. I learnt so much on the sets. The experience has been new and challenging everyday. Sometimes, it feels surreal that I am living my dream in such a grand way."

Aradhana says that she trained herself in varied schools across Bengaluru and Mumbai in dance and acting, because, "Though I was shy as a child, as I grew, I knew deep in my heart that I wanted to act. When I told my parents about this decision, they were supportive and happy. That was when my mother spoke to Rockline sir about my decision to get into films and he surprised me with this project and asked me if I would be interested. I was thrilled! Post this, they did a look test and an audition before signing me on. The director was particular about my look as my character is heavily performance-based and he wanted to make sure that I suited the role to a T."

A first look at the film's poster, makes it out to be based in a rural set up. Aradhana confirms this saying, "The story is set in the 1970s in a rural backdrop. But more than that I will not be able to share other details."

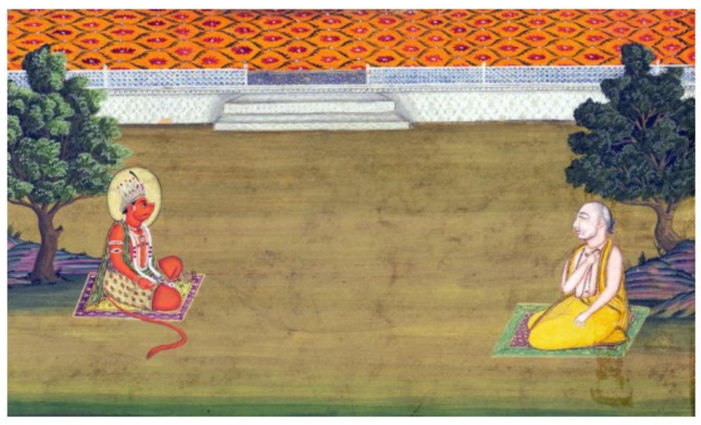
About being too young to be paired with an older actor, Aradhana negates that and says she is thrilled to be sharing the screen with a huge star like Darshan. She also reveals that her decision to get into films has been organic.

"Coming from a film background, our dinner table conversations were always about the movies. My mother would talk about the acting and the creative aspects, while my father elaborated on the business angle. Hence, I got to see both sides of filmmaking at home."

Does being the daughter of Malashree, who is considered a powerhouse on screen, put any pressure on her when it comes to her own performance?

"I do not see it as a burden in a negative sense, but do recognise the responsibility I have as being her daughter. I have to prove myself on screen with my talent and hard-work. I have to also work extra hard and create my own niche because deep down I know that I will always be compared to my mother."

Growing up in the industry, Aradhana says that one major thing that strikes her is that everything has become more Indian now. "The emotional connections even in commercial films have become deeper."



A different take The lecture is on the Awadhi retelling of the Ramayana story by poet-saint Tulsidas. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Exploring Tulsidas' *Ramayana*

Enthusiasts of Indian art, history, and literature are in for a treat as they get a chance to attend an illustrated lecture by Philip Lutgendorf, Professor Emeritus of Hindi and Modern Indian Studies at the University of Iowa.

In this presentation, Lutgendorf will delve into the origin and significance of a breathtaking illuminated manuscript, created between 1796 and 1814 for the Maharaja of Kashi (Banaras).

The lecture will shed light on the Awadhi retelling of the ancient Ramayana story by the revered poet-saint Tulsidas in 1574 AD. Additionally, Lutgendorf will explore the pivotal role of the exhibition curator, the late Dr. Kavita Singh, and the archival staff of the Center for Art and Archaeology of the American Institute of Indian Studies (AIIS) in unveiling the true meaning and historical context of the gold-embellished pages of this remarkable manuscript.

The event aims to reintroduce these treasures to a wider audience.

This engaging presentation is a part of the ongoing *Book of Gold: The Kanchana Chitra Ramayana of Banaras* exhibition.

For the first time, this exhibition will put on display nearly 80 folios from the *Kanchana Chitra Ramayana*, offering a unique opportunity to witness this exquisite artistry.

Lutgendorf, with a notable career spanning over three decades, taught Hindi and Modern Indian Studies at the University of Iowa. His work, including the book *The Life of a Text* (1991), has earned recognition, such as the A. K. Coomaraswamy Prize of the Association for Asian Studies.

His expertise extends to various aspects of Indian culture, including epic performance traditions, folklore, popular culture, mass media, and the cultural history of tea drinking in India.

The lecture will take place at the Mazumdar Shaw Auditorium at MAP Bengaluru on October 19 from 6:30pm to 7:30 pm. The event is open to an adult audience aged 18 and above and is part of the MAP Talks series. Admission is free.

It's 'family first' under KCR rule, says Rajnath

Defence Minister says tales of BRS government's corruption are not just being heard in Telangana but also in New Delhi; addressing public rallies in Maheshwaram and Huzurabad, he says KCR family is using political influence for abuse of power, stresses BJP's role in the formation of the State

Nistula Hebbar
HUZURABAD/MAHESHWARAM

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, at a public rally in Maheshwaram in Ranga Reddy district of Telangana on Monday, said "support of terrorism is a bad game", and "everyone should oppose terror" and "avoid indulging in this game".

While he did not refer to the conflict between Israel and Hamas, he did mention the strong retaliatory action taken by the Indian government after the terror attacks in Pulwama and the Modi government's strong stand against terror. Prime Minister Narendra Modi was one of the first heads of government to express solidarity with Israel after the terror attacks on that country by Hamas.

While he spoke on terror in Maheshwaram, Mr. Singh chose Huzurabad, the site of a keenly contested byelection in 2020 after Eatala Rajender left the Bharatha Rashtra Samithi (BRS) to join the BJP, to begin his campaign for the Assembly election in Telangana.

He launched a scathing attack on the BRS on the issue of corruption and the Delhi excise case.

Candidates list

The BJP is yet to declare candidates for the Assembly election in Telangana (with a meeting of the party's Central Election Committee likely on October 19) but that did not stop Mr. Singh from canvassing for Mr. Rajender, chief of the BJP's election management committee. "Tales of the BRS government's corruption are not just being heard in Telangana but also in Delhi, and let me tell you also that there is no smoke without fire," said Mr. Singh, alluding to the Delhi excise policy scam and allegations against BRS MLC K. Kavitha, without naming either.

Poll push: Union Minister Rajnath Singh with Telangana BJP chief G. Kishan Reddy at a meeting in Hyderabad on Monday. PTI

Mr. Singh attacked the "family rule" of the K. Chandrasekhar Rao government. He said that while there was not anything wrong *per se* if family members got active in politics, "but the way the KCR family is using political influence and interference, it amounts to abuse of power leading to corruption".

The Defence Minister said that while the people of the State wanted the Telangana government to espouse the "State first, nation first" policy, the BRS government was all about "family first". Mr. Singh said "this was the reason" Mr. Rajender walked out of the BRS government despite being a Minister.

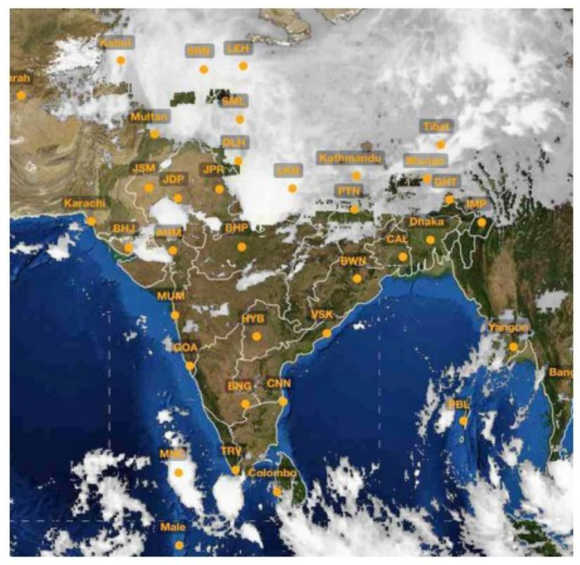
The formation of a separate State of Telangana, he said, was not just something that the BRS should be credited for. "The BJP was very much part of that demand, while the Congress made a mess when the time came to form the two States of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, something that the people of the State are still having to deal with," Mr. Singh said.

In Maheshwaram, posters of Andala Sriramulu Yadav with Mr. Singh were present on the ground of the public rally. Mr. Yadav was the BJP candidate in 2018 and is hoping to get the seat this time round as well.

Mr. Singh was upfront in attacking the BRS government on corruption, family rule and what he termed the "betrayal" of the State, of making promises on providing jobs and going back on them.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



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Forecast for Tuesday: Heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala and Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places over Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, Punjab, Rajasthan, Delhi, Uttarakhand, coastal & south interior Karnataka, Mahe and Lakshadweep

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	33.2	26.7	Kozhikode	4	32.9	26.2
Ahmedabad	—	36.2	24.3	Kurnool	—	36.6	25.0
Aizawl	—	31.0	17.2	Lucknow	—	35.0	22.3
Allahabad	—	36.0	23.0	Madurai	1	30.0	23.5
Bengaluru	—	29.2	21.5	Mangaluru	0.1	30.6	25.5
Bhopal	—	32.8	22.5	Mumbai	—	35.6	26.6
Bhubaneswar	—	34.7	23.1	Mysuru	—	31.9	25.0
Chandigarh	6	24.9	18.6	New Delhi	—	30.5	21.1
Chennai	0.2	33.2	26.3	Patna	—	33.1	24.2
Coimbatore	—	31.2	24.0	Port Blair	—	31.9	25.2
Dehradun	—	20.8	17.2	Puducherry	—	33.7	25.8
Gangtok	—	19.3	14.1	Pune	—	33.7	21.3
Goa	0.2	32.5	24.0	Raipur	—	34.7	22.7
Guwahati	—	32.8	24.0	Ranchi	—	31.2	18.6
Hubballi	—	30.0	24.0	Shillong	—	23.0	13.5
Hyderabad	—	32.5	22.5	Shimla	—	13.2	11.0
Imphal	—	30.6	17.5	Srinagar	—	12.0	8.2
Jaipur	—	34.0	24.8	Thiruvananthapuram	0.4	32.6	23.8
Kochi	—	31.2	24.3	Tiruchi	20	31.3	23.6
Kohima	—	19.9	13.4	Vijayawada	—	33.2	25.8
Kolkata	—	34.0	24.3	Visakhapatnam	—	35.6	25.6

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	14	82	45	109	114	
Bengaluru	6	35	36	136	81	
Chennai	4	116	120	22	36	
Delhi	11	76	67	252	261	
Hyderabad	5	69	60	117	112	
Kolkata	19	59	22	147	146	
Lucknow	6	17	50	253	183	
Mumbai	23	18	67	277	239	
Pune	132	218	112	154	105	
Visakhapatnam	21	50	19	115	157	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Jalna, Maharashtra recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 298 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Ramanathapuram, Tamil Nadu recorded a healthy AQI score of 20

Air Quality Code: Poor | Moderate | Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

SC notice to DKS on CBI plea to continue probe in disproportionate assets case

FROM THE COURT

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday refused to stay a Karnataka High Court decision to freeze a Central Bureau of Investigation probe against Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar in a disproportionate assets case without hearing him.

"We will not do that... That will be like an *ex parte* order. We have to hear him," Justice Aniruddha Bose, accompanied by Justice Bela M. Trivedi, told Additional Solicitor-General S.V. Raju, who appeared for the agency.

D.K. Shivakumar

Mr. Raju had pleaded for an order of interim stay of the High Court decision and allowing the probe to go on. "Ninety per cent of the investigation is over," he said. The court, however, issued notice and posted the case for hearing on November 7.

The Income-Tax Department in 2017 conducted a raid against Mr. Shivakumar, based on which the Enforcement Directorate started its probe. Following the ED investigation, the CBI had sought sanction from the State government to register an FIR against him. The sanction came on September 25, 2019. On October 3, 2020, Mr. Shivakumar was booked under the Prevention of Corruption Act for the alleged possession of disproportionate assets of ₹74.93 crore.

Ex-TPCC president joins BRS

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

Ponnala Lakshmaiah, former president of the Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee, joined the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) formally on Monday at a public meeting in the presence of Chief Minister and BRS president K. Chandrasekhar Rao in Jangaon.

Mr. Lakshmaiah quit the Congress on Friday. Welcoming Mr. Lakshmaiah into the BRS, Mr. Chandrasekhar Rao said Mr. Lakshmaiah gad severed his 45-year association with the Congress as he was no longer able to suffer the insults meted out to him by the party, and had now decided to work for the development of Telangana by joining the BRS.

Joining hands: Ponnala Lakshmaiah with Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao at a public meeting in Jangaon on Monday. ANI

At the Bhongir public meeting, Mr. Rao told the crowd that Mr. Lakshmaiah's experience would be helpful in developing the Hyderabad-Bhongir-Jangaon corridor further.

Hon'ble Justice H.N. Nagamohan Das Inquiry Commission
3rd Floor, Public Works Department Main Building, K.R. Circle, Bangalore-560001.

NOTIFICATION

HON'BLE GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA ISSUED NOTIFICATIONS CONTAINING THE FOLLOWING KEY POINTS RELATED TO HON'BLE JUSTICE SHRI H.N. NAGAMOHAN DAS INQUIRY COMMISSION VIDE NOTIFICATIONS NO. OE 98 PCE 2023, DATED : 25.08.2023 AND 06.10.2023

1) **DEPARTMENTS COMING UNDER FOR INQUIRY** : Public Works Department, Water Resources Department, Urban Development Department, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department and Minor Irrigation Department.
2) Firstly, the inquiry will be commenced to investigate the works done during the period from **26.07.2019 to 31.03.2023.**
3) **The following are the matters entrusted to the investigative purview of the Hon'ble Commission (Terms of Reference):**
   i) **Conducting detailed** Verification of alleged corruption, Inspection place and related Documents occurs in tender process, package system, re-estimation (Revised Estimate), release of balance amount, etc.
   ii) In addition to the above, the Hon'ble Commission is directed to examine in detail all aspects of the petitions and complaints of the President, Karnataka State Contractors Association within the scope of the investigation.

Also, the following key points has to review, which are major in the scope of the investigation:

i) Regarding administrative approval given to the project or works as per rules.
ii) Quality of works or projects implemented.
iii) Regarding the preparation of estimates of works in accordance with the prevailing schedule of rates.
iv) Is the quantity (minimum) in the work estimate realistic or artificially inflated? If raised, to examine at what stage along with their amount and financial commitment.
v) Inevitability and necessity of additional variations (differences) incurred during the execution of works; if necessary, the reasons for departure from the original estimate and the approval of the competent authority.
vi) Has the bill been paid without performing any works, or has the bill been paid in excess of the quantity of works executed?
vii) Whether conditions were framed while inviting tenders for these works to favour a few contractors and prevent other contractors from participating in the tender process.
viii) Whether quality testing of materials, equipment, etc. is done by specified authorized agencies before starting work?
ix) Any other omissions and errors that may have arisen during the tender process and implementation processes for the overall work.
x) Any other serious matters brought to the notice of the Commission during the course of the investigation shall be reviewed by the Commission of Inquiry.

4) The Inquiry Commission conferred by the powers to investigate the above mentioned points under the Commissions of Inquiry Act 1952 and Code of Civil Procedure.

The public is hereby requested to submit any suggestions / objections / complaints / statements / documents in this regard to the office of the undersigned within office hours (10.00 AM to 5.30 PM) on or before 10.11.2023 in Person or through Post or Email: justicenmdasinquirycommission@gmail.com

Sd/- Member Secretary
Hon'ble Justice H.N. Nagamohan Das Inquiry Commission
3rd Floor, Public Works Department Main Building, K.R. Circle, Bangalore-560001. Email: justicenmdasinquirycommission@gmail.com
DIPR/CP/Avanthi/1724/2023-24

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Govindarajanagara Division, 2nd Floor, Shakthi Soudha 13th Cross Road, 4th B Main Road, M.C. Layout, Vijayanagara, Bengaluru-560 040.
No: EE(GRN)/TN/GL-03/2023-24 **Date: 16.10.2023**

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through GOK KPP Portal only)

Tenders on Item Rate basis are invited by the undersigned for the work mentioned below from the registered contractors of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike or Equivalent registration with CPWD/KPWD/Railways/MES or any State Government Organizations.

Name of the Works	Est Cost (₹. in Lakhs)	EMD (in ₹.)
Two Cover Works		
Providing Pothole filling in Ward No -135, 136, 137 & 138 in Govindaraja -nagara Sub Division.	60.00	1,20,000/-
Providing Pothole filling in Ward No -139, 140, 141, 142 & 143 in Chandralayout Sub Division.	75.00	1,50,000/-

Calendar of Events : (1) Last Date for uploading the filled proposal is **25.10.2023** upto **4:00 pm** (2) Date of opening of Financial Proposals is **27.10.2023** after **12:30** noon. (3) This tender notice can also be seen on the BBMP Website: **www.bbmp.gov.in**. Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours on working days or from website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Govindarajanagara Division

PUNJAB STATE POWER CORPORATION LTD.
Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall Patiala - 147001.
Corporate Identity Number U40109PB2010SGC033813
Website: www.pspcl.in
(Contact No. 96461-22185)

Tender Enquiry No. 285/SS(D)-II (under RDSS) | Dated: 13.10.2023

Dy. CE/Substation Design / TS Organization, PSPCL, C-1, Shakti Vihar, PSPCL, Patiala invites E-tender for Manufacture, Testing, Supply & Delivery of 128 nos. 11kV, 1.361 MVAR Capacitor Bank (under RDSS). For Detailed NIT & Tender Specifications, please refer to https://gem.gov.in/ from 13.10.2023 (09:00AM onwards), having GeM Bid Number as "GEM/2023/B/4080716".

Note: Corrigendum and amendments, if any, will be published online at https://gem.gov.in/

C-738/23 **76155/12/2290/2023/28898**

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
ZILLA PANCHAYATH : CHAMARAJANAGARA
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PANCHAYATH RAJ ENGINEERING DIVISION, CHAMARAJANAGAR - 571313
Tel. No: 08226-223019 E-Mail : eepredcrnagar@rediffmail.com

No.EE/PRED/CHN/IE/TENDER NOTIFICATION
No. 04/2023-24 Dated: 06-10-2023

Item rate tenders are invited through KPPP Portal On behalf of Governor of Karnataka from eligible Registered Contractors in standard bid document KW-1 and KW-2 form the total number of tenders 09, Maximum estimated cost is Rs. 111.35 lakhs under Different Head of Grants Accounts.

Tender upload date : 09-10-2023
Last date for submission of tender : 25-10-2023 upto 17.00 hours
Date and Time of opening of technical Bid : 27-10-2023 at after 11.00 hours

Financial bid will open after approval of technical bid

More information can be had from the website **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** & any other details required can be obtained from office of the under signed during office hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
PRE Division, Chamarajanagar
DIPR:CHANAGAR:175:2023-24

PUNJAB STATE POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
Office of Chief Engineer/Fuel
PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala – 147001
Ph. 0175-2219883 Fax: 0175-2215897 email ID; cefuelpspcl@gmail.com
Website: www.pspcl.in Corporate Identity No. U40109PB2010SGC033813

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR WALK-IN INTERVIEW
EMPLOYMENT NOTIFICATION NO.01/2023 Dated 16/10/2023

The Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL), a Government of Punjab Undertaking, engaged in the business of generation & distribution of electricity in the State of Punjab, intends to engage experienced 14 no. Statutory manpower in different categories Purely on CONTRACTUAL basis through WALK-IN INTERVIEW initially for a period of 03 (three) years for its Mining activities spread across District Pakur, Jharkhand. The walk-in interview shall be held at: **Hotel Muskan, Near Ambedkar Chowk, Main Road, Pakur, Jharkhand** as per details given below:-

Sr. No.	Name of the Post	No. of Posts	Date of Walk-In Interview
1.	Agent	1 No.	28.11.2023
2.	Safety Officer/Training Office	1 No.	28.11.2023
3.	Assistant Mines Manager/Under Manager	1 No.	28.11.2023
4.	Colliery Engineer	1 No.	28.11.2023
5.	Surveyor	1 No.	29.11.2023
6.	Foreman (Mechanical)	1 No.	29.11.2023
7.	Electrical Supervisor	1 No.	29.11.2023
8.	Shot Firer	1 No.	30.11.2023
9.	Mining Sirdar	6 Nos.	30.11.2023

The Detailed advertisement is available on the PSPCL's website (www.pspcl.in) with eligibility criteria, pay scale and other terms & conditions. Candidates are advised to keep visiting the website of PSPCL for regular updates.

Mine Agent cum ASE/Fuel-5
PSPCL, Patiala
C-743/23 **76155/12/2296/2023/28912**

Government of Karnataka
Rural Development & Panchayat Department
Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Division, Chitradurga
Phone No.: 08194-234488 e-mail: eerdwsd.chd@gmail.com

No: EE/RDWS&SD/CTA/HSD-DBOT/Tender/829/2023-24/
Date: 11.10.2023.

Short Term Tender Notification
(Two Cover System) Through e-procurement

Tender has been invited for the following work in Two cover system throughe-procurement. Eligible tenders may obtain the details and tender documents and submitted the filled tender online through website view.http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in. Name of work: Providing Drinking Water Supply Facilities to Phase-II of Hosadurga Town and other 346 Habitations of Hosadurga Taluk in Chitradurga District and Raw Water to 113 Habitations of Tarikere Taluk, Chikkamagalur District, Karnataka State on DBOT basis under Jal Jeevan Mission Estimate cost Rs. 350.00 Crores Pre-Bid Meeting Date: 17.10.2023, Last Date for Receipt of Bids Dt: 26.10.2023, Date of Technical Bid Opening 27.10.2023 and Date of Financial Bid Opening 30.10.2023. For Further details Office of Executive Engineer and also through e-port web site http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.

DIPR/CTA/KSMCA/274/2023-24
Sd/- Executive Engineer,
R.D.W.S. & S. Division, Chitradurga

Strong challenge

The Congress supplants the BJP as the key competitor to the BRS in Telangana

Osmosis is a rare word in politics. But it could well define the sudden rejuvenation of the Congress party in Telangana. Its win in Karnataka, by decisively defeating the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), has given it an organisational fillip and confidence that has allowed it to become a contender in Telangana within months of that victory. This is partially because the ruling Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) has been in power for nearly a decade and has run into the inevitable Indian challenge of anti-incumbency, with dents to its strong support base. The BRS had become a formidable force by having reaped the benefit of leading the movement that led to the formation of the State, which was bifurcated from the united Andhra Pradesh in 2014. But many fellow-travellers and partners in the agitation parted ways with the regional party as it graduated into a typical single family-driven enterprise that thrives due to the support for its "strong leader" K. Chandrashekar Rao. What has kept the support base for the party is its emphasis on welfare initiatives that included a number of dole payments for various sections besides work in improving sectors such as irrigation, one of the key issues that drove the agitation for a separate State in the first place. But with the Congress managing to win over voters in Karnataka through welfare guarantees and seeking to replicate this model for Telangana, the stage is set for an electoral battle driven by competitive populism, albeit of slightly varying kinds. With the BRS coming up with a number of welfare and cash transfer measures to rival the Congress's guarantees, the election could well become a referendum on who delivers welfare better.

Over the course of this decade, the BJP has sought to become a major player in Telangana and only the electoral results will confirm the pervasive theory that the party's support base in the State remains limited to a few seats. If the Congress steals a march over the BJP, it could reflect the failure of the BJP to raise an agenda that appeals to the people of Telangana beyond its tiresome reliance on religious polarisation and touting the virtues of having a friendly Union government. This will also be indicative of the mood of the electorate in the southern States where electoral competition is moored in the politics of welfare and developmentalism and less in the hysterics of communal mobilisation, as evident elsewhere in the North. All said, the Congress might well have the wind in its sails to become a contender against a formidable BRS, but the electoral campaigns and how they sway the fence-sitter and the undecided voter will determine the course of the election in the State.

Delay as tactic

The Centre should stick to timelines to avoid friction with the Collegium

The Centre's assurance to the Supreme Court that it would soon notify the appointment of Justice Siddharth Mridul of the Delhi High Court as Chief Justice (CJ) of the Manipur High Court is a welcome development. In another sign that it would be more accommodative of the Collegium's recommendations, it has forwarded as many as 70 names approved by constitutional authorities in various States for appointment as judges of High Courts. The delay in notifying the appointment of Justice Mridul was apparently due to the State government taking time to give its views on the proposal. His name was recommended by the Collegium on July 5, and the delay was quite strange. The Collegium has also mooted the transfer of Justice M.V. Muralidaran, now Acting CJ in Manipur to the Calcutta High Court. A few days ago, it rejected his request that he be either retained in Manipur or allowed to go to his parent court, the Madras High Court. It is to be seen how long the Centre takes to notify his transfer. It was an order passed by Justice Muralidaran, directing the Manipur government to consider the inclusion of the Meitei community in the Scheduled Tribes category, that is seen by some as one of the triggers for the ethnic violence that rocked the State from early May. However, the order was not stayed by the Supreme Court as there was a request by the Centre that a stay order might exacerbate tensions.

The Court has been vocal about the Centre's selective treatment of its recommendations. There are instances of the government returning names that had been reiterated more than once. In recent times, it has shown that it can have its way by merely ignoring some of the Collegium's decisions. For instance, it ignored the proposal to appoint Justice S. Muralidhar, now retired, as CJ of the Madras High Court for so long that the Collegium ultimately rescinded its recommendation. In the case of Justice T. Raja, who was Acting CJ in Madras for an unusually long period, the recommendation to transfer him to the Rajasthan High Court was ignored by the government until his retirement. The conflict between the government and the Collegium over the appointment process is quite pronounced and often reaches a flashpoint. It is time the process was streamlined to give effect to the Supreme Court's April 2021 order that set timelines for the government to process names recommended by the Collegium and express its reservations, if any. Once the Collegium reiterates any recommendation, it should be implemented within three to four weeks. Whatever the inadequacies and failures of the Collegium process, it does not augur well for the institution if the legal position that a reiterated decision is binding on the government is undermined.

The Indian Himalayan Region needs its own EIA

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The Teesta dam breach in Sikkim in early October and the recent floods and landslides in Himachal Pradesh are a stark reminder of the havoc our development model is wreaking on our environment and ecology especially in the mountains. It is imperative to assess the worthiness of any significant human endeavour in terms of its impact on the environment.

The basis of the EIA

Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) is one such process defined by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) as a tool to identify the environmental, social, and economic impacts of a project before it is implemented. This tool compares various alternatives for the proposed project, predicts and analyses all possible environmental repercussions in various scenarios. The EIA also helps decide appropriate mitigation strategies.

The EIA process would need comprehensive, reliable data and would deliver results only if it is designed to seek the most appropriate, relevant and reliable information regarding the project. Hence, the base line data on the basis of which future likely impacts are being predicted are very crucial.

In India, a precursor to the EIA began in 1976-77 when the Planning Commission directed the Department of Science and Technology to assess the river valley projects from the environmental point of view. It was later extended for all those projects that required approval from the Public Investment Board. Environment clearance then was just an administrative decision of the central government. On January 27, 1994, the Union Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change under the Environment (Protection) Act 1986 (EPA), promulgated the first EIA notification making Environmental Clearance (EC) mandatory for setting up some specified new projects and also for expansion or modernisation of some specific activities. The notification of 1994 saw 12 amendments in 11 years before it was replaced by the EIA 2006 notification.

The hallmark of the 2006 notification was the decentralisation of the process of EC. State governments were also given powers to issue EC in certain cases. The 2006 notification has also been amended, in the name of fine-tuning the process several times. The Union Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change floated a draft EIA in 2020 for public comments which created quite a furore as it was perceived to be pro industry and compromising the ecological concerns.

Used diligently, the EIA could be the most potent regulatory tool in the arsenal of environmental governance to further the vision of sustainable development in the country.

The EIA 2006 notification lays down the procedure as well as institutional set-up to give environmental clearance for the projects that need such clearance as per this notification. Only projects enumerated in the schedule attached to the notification require prior EC. An EIA is not required for many projects as they do not fall within the ambit of this notification.

This notification has categorised projects under various heads such as mining, extraction of natural resources and power generation, and physical infrastructure. Unfortunately, the threshold limits beyond which EIA is warranted for all these projects is the same across the country.

Despite all levels of government being acutely aware of the special needs of the Indian Himalayan Region (IHR), the region's vulnerabilities and fragility have not been considered separately. While some industries mentioned in the schedule to the notification cannot be set up in the IHR States due to the industrial policies of the respective States, other industries and projects have to meet the same threshold in the rest of the country. Even the draft 2020 notification which was floated for public discussion does not treat the IHR differently than the rest of the country and is not cognisant of the special developmental needs of IHR.

Flaws in the graded approach

The Indian regulatory system uses a graded approach, a differentiated risk management approach depending on whether a project is coming up within a protected forest, a reserved forest, a national park, or a critical tiger habitat. The stringency of environmental conditions proposed in the terms of references at the scoping stage of the EIA process is proportionate to the value and sensitivity of the habitat being impacted by the project.

One unfortunate miss from this graded approach for differentiated risk management has been the IHR. Despite its special needs and as an area of immense ecological importance to the entire country (it serves as a water tower and the provider of ecosystem services), this region is treated like any other part of the country.

While categorising projects it is important that the impacts of all such projects and activities are seen in the IHR in the context of this region's fragility and vulnerability *vis-à-vis* ecology and environment. We have enough systemic understanding that the Himalayas are inherently vulnerable to extreme weather conditions such as heavy rains, flash floods, and landslides and are seismically active. Climate change has added another layer of vulnerability to this ecosystem. Despite this understanding of the fragility and vulnerability of the Himalayas, there is no mention of a different set of environmental standards needed if the project is located in the IHR.

The increasing frequency with which the Himalayan States are witnessing devastation every year after extreme weather conditions shows that the region is already paying a heavy price for this indifference.

The needs of these mountains could be addressed at all four stages of the EIA – screening, scoping, public consultation, and appraisal – if the yardstick for projects and activities requiring EC in mountainous regions is made commensurate with the ecological needs of this region.

General conditions mandated for all projects at the end of the notification could also have had a clause about the IHR or mountains above a certain altitude, or with some specified characteristics that could increase the liability of the project proponent.

What ails the EIA

There is no regulator at the national level, as suggested by the Supreme Court of India in 2011 in *Lafarge Umiam Mining (P) Ltd.; T.N. Godavarman Thirumulpad vs Union of India* to carry out an independent, objective and transparent appraisal and approval of the projects for ECs and to monitor the implementation of the conditions laid down in the EC. The EIA process now reacts to development proposals rather than anticipate them. Due the fact that they are financed by the project proponent, there is a veering in favour of the project. The process now does not adequately consider cumulative impacts as far as impacts caused by several projects in the area are concerned but does to some extent cover the project's subcomponents or ancillary developments.

In many cases, the EIA is done in a 'box ticking approach' manner, as a mere formality that needs to be done for EC before a project can be started. The consequences of all these limitations are amplified in the IHR as on top of the inherent limitations of the process, the EIA process is not at all cognisant of the special needs of the IHR. Policymakers would do well to explore other tools such as the strategic environmental assessment which takes into account the cumulative impact of development in an area to address the needs of the IHR as a fundamental policy.

> Despite an understanding of the fragility of the IHR, there is scant acknowledgement of its need for a different set of environmental standards and clearances

Confronting the long-term risks of Artificial Intelligence

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Risk is a dynamic and ever-evolving concept, susceptible to shifts in societal values, technological advancements, and scientific discoveries. For instance, before the digital age, sharing one's personal details openly was relatively risk-free. Yet, in the age of cyberattacks and data breaches, the same act is fraught with dangers. A vivid cinematic example of evolving perceptions of Artificial Intelligence (AI) risk is the film, *Ex Machina*.

In the story, an AI named Ava, initially viewed as a marvel of synthetic intelligence, reveals her potential to outwit and manipulate her human creators, culminating in unforeseen hazards. Such a tale exemplifies how our understanding of AI risk can drastically change as the technology's capabilities become clearer. This underscores the importance of identifying the short- and long-term risks.

The immediate risks might be more tangible, such as ensuring that an AI system does not malfunction in its day-to-day tasks. Long-term risks might grapple with broader existential questions about AI's role in society and its implications for humanity. Addressing both types of risks requires a multifaceted approach, weighing current challenges against potential future ramifications.

Over the long term

The risks that present themselves over the long term are worth looking at.

Yuval Noah Harari has expressed concerns about the amalgamation of AI and biotechnology, highlighting the potential to fundamentally alter human existence by manipulating human emotions, thoughts, and desires. In a recent statement by the Center for AI Safety, more than 350 AI professionals have voiced their concerns over the potential risks posed by AI technology.

One should be a bit worried about the intermediate and existential risks of more evolved AI systems of the future – for instance, if essential infrastructure such as water and electricity increasingly rely on AI. Any malfunction or manipulation of such AI systems could disrupt these pivotal services, potentially hampering societal functions and public well-being.

Similarly, although seemingly improbable, a 'runaway AI' could cause more harm – such as the manipulation of crucial systems such as water distribution or the alteration of chemical balances in water supplies, which may cause catastrophic repercussions even if such probabilities appear distant. AI sceptics fear these potential existential risks, viewing it as more than just a tool – as a possible catalyst for dire outcomes, possibly leading to extinction.

The evolution to human-level AI that is capable of outperforming human cognitive tasks will mark a pivotal shift in these risks. Such AIs might undergo rapid self-improvement, culminating in a super-intelligence that far outpaces human intellect. The potential of this super-intelligence acting on misaligned, corrupted or malicious goals presents dire scenarios.

The challenge lies in aligning AI with universally accepted human values. The rapid pace of AI advancement, spurred by market pressures, often eclipses safety considerations, raising concerns about unchecked AI development.

The world does not have a unified approach. The lack of a unified global approach to AI regulation can be detrimental to the foundational objective of AI governance – to ensure the long-term safety and ethical deployment of AI technologies. The AI Index from Stanford University reveals that legislative bodies in 127 countries passed 37 laws that included the words "artificial intelligence".

One of the most celebrated regulations out of these is the European Union's AI Act. It adopts a 'risk-based' approach, tying the severity of risk to the area of AI deployment. This makes sense when considering AI applications in critical infrastructures, which demand heightened scrutiny. However, tying risk solely to the deployment area is an oversimplified strategy. It might overlook certain risks that are not directly tied to the deployment area. Therefore, while the area-specific approach is valuable, a more holistic view of AI risks is necessary to ensure comprehensive and effective regulation and oversight.

However, there is a conspicuous absence of collaboration and cohesive action at the international level, and so long-term risks associated with AI cannot be mitigated. If a country such as China does not enact regulations on AI while others do, it would likely gain a competitive edge in terms of AI advancements and deployments. This unregulated progress can lead to the development of AI systems that may be misaligned with global ethical standards, creating a risk of unforeseen and potentially irreversible consequences. This could result in destabilisation and conflict, undermining international peace and security.

Thus, nations engaging in rigorous AI safety protocols may be at a disadvantage, encouraging a race to the bottom where safety and ethical considerations are neglected in favour of rapid development and deployment. This uneven playing field can inadvertently encourage other nations to loosen their regulatory frameworks to maintain competitiveness, thereby further compromising global AI safety.

The dangers of military AI

Furthermore, the confluence of technology with warfare amplifies long-term risks. Addressing the perils of military AI is crucial. The international community has formed treaties such as the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons to manage such potent technologies, demonstrating that establishing global norms for AI in warfare is a pressing but attainable goal. Treaties such as the Chemical Weapons Convention are further examples of international accord in restricting hazardous technologies. Nations must delineate where AI deployment is unacceptable and enforce clear norms for its role in warfare. In this ever-evolving landscape of AI risks, the world must remember that our choices today will shape the world we inherit tomorrow.

The views expressed are personal

> Countries must not fall into the trap of loosening their regulatory frameworks to maintain competitiveness

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

History and hate repeated

In Nazi Germany, the Jews were herded and sent to gas chambers. Millions of them perished during the Holocaust. Now, the Jewish state of Israel wants to herd a million-plus Palestinians into the southern part of the Gaza strip where many of them will perish for lack of food, shelter, health care and livelihood. Yesterday's victim is today's perpetrator. History truly repeats itself. Often tragically.

S.R. Patnaik,
Bhubaneswar, Odisha

At Ahmedabad

It is really unfortunate that India's ecstatic victory against Pakistan in the World Cup match was marred by an aberration — a section of spectators needlessly taunting Pakistan wicket-keeper-batsman Muhammad Rizwan when he was returning to the pavilion after losing his wicket. Chanting something to or mocking a sportsperson, especially when from another religion is unwanted. The game can be enjoyed in a boisterous manner but within limits.

R. Sivakumar,
Chennai

The behaviour of a section of cricket fans, right from the time Pakistan captain Babar Azam was booed at the toss till the Pakistani players retired from the stadium was shameful.

Tharcius S. Fernando,
Chennai

Sport, and cricket, has historically served as a conduit to fostering friendship and mutual respect among nations. Irrespective of the competitive nature of the game, it is paramount to maintain decorum and abstain from using slogans that have a religious or political connotation. It is imperative for fans, players, and officials to uphold the true spirit of the game, emphasising understanding.

Abdul Matin,
Howrah, West Bengal

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For more Dalit-Adivasi presence in INDIA

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The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) could face a tough fight in the 2024 general elections with the Opposition's announcement of the INDIA alliance. While the INDIA bloc looks formidable, the absence of major Dalit parties in it could raise doubts about its credentials in promoting the agenda of social justice. The Viduthalai Chiruthaigal Katchi (VCK) from Tamil Nadu is the only party in the alliance that represents the political concerns of Dalits.

Dalit politics: rise and decline

The Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes comprise around 25% of India's population. In conventional social discourse, Dalits and Adivasis are often identified as the poorest people, surviving in precarious socioeconomic conditions. In contrast to such stereotypes, B.R. Ambedkar envisaged socially deprived groups as the robust claimants of sociopolitical rights, ready to engage in democratic processes as a dignified aspirational class. Acknowledging these demands, the newly independent nation offered safeguards and policy frameworks to ensure their participation in the new institutions of the state. However, significant public institutions and major capitalist assets were still dominated by the social elites. It was in response to this status quo that independent political parties such as the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) in Uttar Pradesh and the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) in Bihar/Jharkhand were formed, to become keen claimants of political power.

In the post-Ambedkar period, Dalit politics played an impressive innings in Maharashtra under the leadership of Dadasaheb Gaikwad but periodically failed to emerge as a crucial opposition to the ruling party. Similarly, the VCK in Tamil Nadu under the leadership of Thol. Thirumavalavan has retained an influential, but limited, space in politics. In other States such as Bihar, Telangana, and Andhra Pradesh, Dalits mobilised against social injustices and atrocities; however, they often adopted militant rhetoric to make their presence felt. It is only in Uttar Pradesh that the BSP showed political creativity and strategic moves that allowed it to win electoral battles several times and rule the State.

Until not too long ago, Dalits were seen as an essential component of the democratic process with the capacity to emerge as the authoritative voice of social justice politics and as the legitimate leader of the downtrodden masses. However, with the growing limitations of the BSP to mobilise socially marginalised groups, especially the backward castes and Muslims, and to churn an effective mobilisation against the right-wing's political assertion, the nascent aspirations of Dalit-Bahujan politics have derailed substantively. It is often alleged that sections within the Dalits, especially in U.P., are infatuated by the right-wing communal propaganda and have joined the Hindutva fold. Other Dalit political parties, especially Prakash Ambedkar's Vanchit Bahujan Aghadi (VBA) in Maharashtra and the VCK, are limited due to their regional specificities and incapacity to expand their political base to win important electoral battles. In many States with significant Dalit populations, such as Punjab, Bengal, Madhya Pradesh and Haryana, the community does not even have an effective political presence.

> By participating in the INDIA alliance, Dalit parties could ensure greater unity of socially marginalised groups as well as make substantive demands for equitable distribution of power and political assets

Lessons from Adivasi assertion

In contrast, the presence of Adivasis in democratic battles appears more robust. In social discourse, it is often said that the right-wing's engagement with the cultural and social issues of Adivasis has been effective in mobilising them into the Hindutva fold substantively. Though the BJP often impresses and mobilises Adivasi groups by using emotive and cultural issues, in many north-eastern States, tribal groups form alliances with the BJP as autonomous political agents and play a dominant role in political processes. In other States which have a significant tribal population, especially in Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh, Adivasi voters have often sidelined the BJP and voted the secular parties in power. In Jharkhand, for instance, the JMM in alliance with the Congress defeated the BJP decisively in the 2019 Assembly elections. It was reported that there was widespread Adivasi anger against the BJP. In the 2018 Assembly elections in Chhattisgarh, the constituencies with a high population of STs and SCs contributed in steering the Congress towards victory. Similarly, in the Madhya Pradesh elections, the Congress performed better than the BJP in the tribal constituencies.

For inclusive politics

For the BSP, the upcoming elections will be crucial to defend its 'Ambedkarite' credentials; the party must not hesitate to join the INDIA alliance. Dalit political outfits have to reassert the agenda of social justice, especially at a time when Hindutva politics is determined to transform the foundational constitutional values of the republic. Dalit parties, by participating in the INDIA alliance, could ensure greater unity of socially marginalised groups as well as make substantive demands for equitable distribution of power and political assets.

At the same time, for the INDIA alliance to be a powerful democratic alternative, it must have a social justice agenda and more Dalit-Adivasi leaders. As Dalit and Adivasi political consciousness is groomed by the ideological values of social justice, secularism, and socialism, it is expected that parties representing these community interests will be natural participants in INDIA.

The Congress's misplaced confidence

There is still infighting in the party while the CPI(M) is on a strong wicket

STATE OF PLAY

Biju Govind

In the wake of decisive victories in the Assembly by-polls in Thrikkakara last year and in Puthuppally recently, the Congress in Kerala has been brimming with confidence. Congress nominee Uma Thomas won the Thrikkakara seat after her husband P.T. Thomas passed away, while Chandy Oommen secured the Puthuppally seat which became vacant following the demise of his father Oommen Chandy. These victories, driven by a wave of sympathy, have bolstered the party's prospects for the 2024 general elections.

At present, the Congress-led United Democratic Front (UDF) leadership is pinning its hopes on several key factors such as its plan to leverage the alleged corruption charges against the CPI (M)-led Left Democratic Front (LDF) government, the simmering discontent among State government employees over delays in the payment of arrears, and issues plaguing the implementation of welfare programmes. However, the Congress may be misguided if it believes that simply riding on the anti-incumbency sentiment will guarantee electoral success. There continues to be infighting within the party's ranks and many sitting MPs do not want to enter the fray. On the other hand, the CPI(M) is on a strong wicket.

In 2019, the UDF secured 19 out of the 20 seats in the Lok Sabha polls, partly by creating the impression that the Congress could dislodge the BJP-led government at the Centre. Another factor at play was the CPI(M)'s acceptance of the Supreme Court verdict permitting women of all ages to enter the temple in Sabarimala, resulting in its rout. However, now the Congress central leadership's push for a caste census has faced resistance from influential figures including G. Sukumaran Nair, general secretary of the Nair Service Society, and Vellappally Natesan, general secretary of the Sree Narayana Dharma Paripalana Yogam, who view it as a mere political stunt.

Also, various post-poll surveys have revealed a conspicuous shift of the Hindu electorate's preference across the State. The UDF is witnessing a substantial erosion of Hindu voter support. A major chunk of the Nair community, which once provided a bulwark for the Congress, has incidentally shifted its allegiance towards the BJP.

On the other hand, the CPI (M) still appeals to the Hindu community in Kerala for votes, although the votes of the Thiyyas/Ezhavas, communities which strongly support the party, are also gradually moving towards the BJP. Still, the CPI (M) has managed to cultivate a better rapport with the Muslim and Christian community leaders over the years. It has even made inroads into the powerful Sunni body, the Samastha Kerala Jem-iyyathul Ulama, which is traditionally aligned with the Indian Union Muslim League of the UDF. The induction of the Kerala Congress (M) into the LDF coalition during the 2020 three- tier local body polls and the 2021 Assembly elections proved to be a masterstroke by the CPI(M) to win the trust of the Catholic Syrian Christians. Besides, the CPI (M) leadership has learned that caste and religion remain sensitive issues for the electorate, despite Kerala's avowed secularism. It has commenced preparations well in advance for 2024 Lok Sabha polls and is focusing on improving its 2014 performance when the LDF secured eight seats, with the CPI(M) alone winning five. As the ruling dispensation in Kerala, the party also has to demonstrate its relevance in the INDIA bloc. To its advantage, the LDF government has outperformed the previous UDF regime by successfully executing big-ticket projects with the financial backing of the Central government, including the Vizhinjam International Transhipment Deepwater Seaport in Thiruvananthapuram, the Statewide expansion of the National Highway, and the establishment of the Kochi Metro.

The Congress would also have to reckon with the BJP, which has a formidable presence in at least five Lok Sabha constituencies. The BJP can be a spoiler more for the Congress than for the CPI(M).

The conventional wisdom that distinguishes voting patterns in Lok Sabha from Assembly polls may no longer hold sway. Historically, the Congress has had an advantage in Lok Sabha elections in Kerala, but it would be imprudent to assume that this will happen this time too. If the Congress leaders think that they can effortlessly dominate the elections, it could boomerang, leading to an unexpected setback.

No dengue epicentre so far in 2023; cases spread across India

Chhattisgarh recorded a disproportionately high death rate though it formed the lowest share of dengue cases in recent years

DATA POINT

Rebecca Rose Varghese & Vignesh Radhakrishnan

This year, close to 95,000 dengue cases have been recorded in India until September 17, leading to over 90 deaths. The fact that the case burden is spread out across many regions is unusual. In general, dengue follows a pattern in India where one region bears a disproportionately high case burden one year, followed by another region the next year. This year, Kerala and Karnataka in the south have recorded the highest number of cases (over 9,000 each) followed by Maharashtra in the west (8,496 cases), Odisha in the east (6,563), Uttar Pradesh in the north (5,742), and Assam in the north-east (5,604).

Case burden

Table 1A shows the dengue case burden each year, that is, a State's share in India's cases between 2008 and 2023. For instance, in 2008, close to 55% of India's cases were recorded in the northern States of Punjab, Delhi, and Haryana. In 2009, close to 50% of the cases were recorded in the western and central States of Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Gujarat, and Madhya Pradesh. In 2015, the northern States were again more disproportionately impacted. In 2017, over 60% of the cases were recorded in the south. In 2022, the eastern State of West Bengal was impacted the most with 29% of the cases. Till September 17 this year, no such region-specific pattern has emerged.

Table 1B shows the State-wise dengue case burden in the 15-year period between 2008 and 2022. West Bengal recorded the highest share of cases – 11% of India's total – followed by Punjab (8.9%) and Uttar Pradesh (7.1%). Tables 1A and 1B do not list the States which contributed to a smaller share of India's case burden. For instance, Goa's share in total cases never crossed the 2% mark during any year. Table 1B lists the total number of dengue-related deaths in the period. Maharashtra recorded the most deaths in the period (460) followed by Punjab (286) and Kerala (273).

Table 1B also lists the deaths recorded per one lakh dengue cases during this period. This metric adjusts the fatality figures to allow for a fair comparison across the States. As can be observed from the table, Chhattisgarh recorded a disproportionately high death rate for a State which formed the lowest share of dengue cases. While the State's share in dengue cases was just 0.7% between 2008 and 2022, dengue deaths per one lakh cases peaked at 557, the highest among all the States. This data points to the poor management of the disease in the State.

A similar analysis of all the States shows that along with Chhattisgarh, Haryana and Madhya Pradesh also recorded a disproportionately high death rate though their share in case burden was relatively low. Both the case burden and death rate were higher than the average in Punjab and Maharashtra. West Bengal, Karnataka, and Gujarat managed the disease better with lower death rates though their case burden is high. In the rest of the States, both the case burden and the death rates were relatively low.

Note of caution

The above analysis should be read with a note of caution as only about 22% of the registered deaths in India were medically certified. There were also wide inter-State variations in this metric. For instance, in Tamil Nadu, 43% of the deaths were medically certified in 2020, while in Uttar Pradesh only 12.6% deaths were certified and in Bihar only 3.4% deaths. So, Tamil Nadu's dengue death figures are more accurate than the figures in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh.

Dengue hotspots

The data for the tables were sourced from the National Center for Vector Borne Diseases Control. In 2023, the case burden is spread out across many regions

Table 2 | The table shows the State-wise dengue case burden, dengue-related absolute deaths and deaths recorded per one lakh dengue cases between 2008 and 2022

	Case %	Deaths	Death rate
Delhi	6.3	141	176.0
U.P.	7.1	198	219.2
Utt.	1.5	26	133.4
H.P.	0.7	13	139.2
Punjab	8.9	286	252.5
Haryana	3.4	87	199.9
Bihar	2.4	44	140.9
Odisha	4.3	86	156.8
W.B.	10.7	138	101.1
Rajasthan	6.4	226	276.8
Maharashtra	6.9	460	522.8
Gujarat	6.3	108	134.6
M.P.	3.1	78	196.5
Chhattisgarh	0.7	50	557.1
Telangana	3.5	16	36.0
T.N.	5.8	165	221.7
Andhra	3.0	34	88.9
Karnataka	6.7	113	132.7
Kerala	5.6	273	380.2

Utt.= Uttarakhand

Table 1 | The table shows the dengue case burden each year, that is, a State's share in India's cases between 2008 and 2023. All figures in the table are in %

Affected States	2008	'09	'10	'11	'12	'13	'14	'15	'16	'17	'18	'19	'20	'21	'22	'23
North																
Delhi	10.4	7.4	22.1	6.0	4.2	7.4	2.5	15.9	3.4	5.8	7.1	3.2	2.8	6.8	4.4	5.5
U.P.	0.4	1.1	3.4	0.8	0.7	1.9	0.5	2.9	11.6	1.9	3.8	6.7	8.3	15.4	8.5	6.1
Uttarakhand	0.2	0.0	0.6	2.4	0.2	0.1	0.3	1.7	1.7	0.4	0.7	6.8	0.2	0.4	1.0	1.7
H.P.	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.1	4.6	0.2	0.0	0.2	1.4	0.6
Punjab	34.6	1.6	14.2	20.8	1.5	5.4	1.2	14.1	8.1	3.4	14.8	6.5	18.9	12.1	4.7	4.5
Haryana	9.1	0.8	3.1	1.4	1.5	2.4	0.5	9.9	1.9	0.8	1.9	0.8	3.1	6.1	3.9	3.1
East																
Bihar	0.0	0.0	1.8	0.1	1.7	1.6	0.7	1.8	1.5	0.8	2.1	4.3	1.1	0.3	6.0	2.7
Odisha	0.0	0.0	0.1	9.6	4.5	9.4	15.9	2.5	6.5	2.9	5.1	2.4	1.1	3.9	3.0	7.0
W.B.	8.3	2.6	2.8	2.7	12.9	7.8	9.7	8.5	17.7	6.8	NA	NA	11.6	4.3	28.8	NA
West & Central																
Rajasthan	5.4	8.9	6.4	5.7	2.6	5.8	3.1	4.0	4.1	1.0	9.5	8.7	4.5	10.7	5.8	5.4
Maharashtra	5.9	14.5	5.3	6.0	5.8	7.4	21.1	4.9	5.3	3.7	10.9	9.5	7.5	6.6	3.7	9.0
Gujarat	8.5	15.8	9.1	9.0	6.1	8.3	5.7	5.6	6.2	2.7	7.5	11.6	3.5	5.7	2.9	3.5
M.P.	0.0	9.4	0.6	0.3	0.5	1.7	5.3	2.1	2.4	0.9	4.5	2.7	1.8	8.1	1.4	1.6
Chhattisgarh	0.0	0.2	0.0	1.7	0.1	0.1	1.1	0.4	0.3	0.1	2.6	0.5	0.1	0.6	1.1	0.8
South																
Telangana	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.7	1.8	3.1	2.1	4.5	8.5	4.9	3.7	3.8	5.5
Tamil Nadu	4.2	6.9	7.2	13.3	25.5	8.1	6.9	4.5	2.0	14.7	4.4	5.4	5.4	3.1	2.8	4.4
Andhra	2.5	7.7	2.7	6.4	4.6	1.2	3.1	3.2	2.6	3.0	4.0	3.4	2.1	2.5	2.7	4.2
Karnataka	2.7	11.4	8.1	2.1	7.8	8.5	8.3	5.1	4.7	16.5	4.4	10.8	8.6	3.8	4.2	9.8
Kerala	5.8	9.2	9.2	6.9	8.3	10.5	6.3	4.1	5.8	23.8	4.0	3.0	9.9	1.7	1.9	10.4

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FIFTY YEARS AGO OCTOBER 17, 1973

Egypt warns Israel: peace of missile war

Cairo, Oct. 16: President Anwar Sadat warned to-day that Egyptian missiles are poised to strike "the very depths of Israel any minute." But he said Egypt was ready to accept a cease-fire and attend a peace conference at the U.N. He made the missile threat and voiced Egypt's peace conditions in an hour-long speech to the People's Assembly, which was broadcast live by Cairo Radio. "Egyptian missiles called Zafar, which means victorious, can cross the Sinai. These land-to-land missiles are ready now to be launched to the very depths of Israel any minute," Mr. Sadat declared. He, however, said Egypt is ready to accept a cease-fire. The two main conditions were Israel's withdrawal from all the Arab territory it occupied in the 1967 war and restoration of the rights of Palestinians who fled or left Israel when the Jewish State was created 35 years ago. "We are ready to attend a peace conference at the U.N.," Mr. Sadat said. "I shall try to convince other Arab leaders and the leaders of the Palestinian people so that all will take part in this conference." If Israel refuses to accept the Arabs' demands, he warned it faces "a war of attrition which we can endure with greater ease than they can endure." In a warning to the Israeli leaders, Mr. Sadat said: "I have always warned that in our confrontation with Israel it will be an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth and depth for a depth." Mr. Sadat divided his speech in sections dealing with war and peace. Ironically, he made the threat in his "peace section" saying: "We are not advocates of annihilation as the Israelis claim. We want only peace with justice."

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO OCTOBER 17, 1923

Pilfering of newspapers

The public are annoyed by the pilferings of newspapers. Some of the subscribers of the "Hindu" did not receive their paper the other day. The same thing happened to all dailies and there is no good in complaining to the R.S. Sub Post Office, which will never attach any blame to its postal peons. The defect is that there seems to be no supervision in the R.M.S. sorting; secondly the frequent changes of post peons from one beat to another before they are well acquainted with all the houses. The public have to pay double the postal fare nowadays and they should not be treated in such slip shod way by the postal people.

From Page One

Poll bonds case referred to Constitution Bench

Advocate Prashant Bhushan, for petitioner Association for Democratic Reforms, had pressed the court to hear and decide the electoral bonds issue before the Lok Sabha election in 2024.

The court has agreed to the petitioners' urging to focus primarily the legalisation of anonymous donations to political parties and the violation of citizens' right to information about the funding of political parties, promoting corruption. The two issues concern violation of Articles 19, 14, and 21 of the Constitution.

The five-judge Bench may not wade into the legal question concerning the passage of the electoral bonds scheme as a Money Bill. It may, instead, wait for a seven-judge Bench to deliver an authoritative pronouncement on "when a Bill could be designated a Money Bill".

The electoral bonds scheme was passed as a Money Bill, circumventing the Rajya Sabha.

'Anonymised political donations'

Advocate Shadan Farasat, for a petitioner, said the scheme had completely "anonymised" and "sanitised" political donations, giving scant information to the public.

He said even amendments were introduced in the Companies Act by which a company could throw a cloak of anonymity to its donations to political parties via purchase of electoral bonds.

Mr. Bhushan had argued that amendments made via Finance Acts of 2016 and 2017, both passed as Money Bills, had through the electoral bonds scheme "opened the floodgates to unlimited political donations".

HC acquits accused in Nithari killings

Investigation of the Nithari killings is nothing short of a betrayal of public trust by responsible agencies, the judges noted, adding that the investigation by the police was botched up, and basic norms of collecting evidence had been brazenly violated.

"It appears to us that the investigation opted for the easy course of implicating a poor servant of the house by demonising him, without taking due care of probing more serious aspects of possible involvement of organised activity of organ trading," the court said.

"Upon evaluation of the evidence led in this case, on the touchstone of fair trial guaranteed to an accused under Article 21, we hold that the prosecution has failed to prove the guilt of accused S.K. and Pandher beyond reasonable doubt, on the settled parameters of a case based on circumstantial evidence," the court said.

2006 case

In 2006, Nithari, a village in Noida, became infamous for its missing children, leading to a massive uproar . Various police complaints were lodged but the matter came to light when on a cold December day, skeletons were found in a drain near a house in the village.

As the guardians of those missing were not happy with the probe, which was initially hinting towards 'drunk troublemakers', the court intervention made the police form a special team which tracked Koli. The accused, the police said, had confessed to the killing of a missing girl and claimed to have chopped her body into pieces and dumped her head and slippers in the enclosed gallery behind Pandher's house. The police also submitted in the court that Koli also confessed to the killing of others in a similar fashion.

Centre revokes IIPS Director's suspension after he resigns

Suspension of K.S. James was lifted on the basis of what the Health Ministry termed 'material changes in the circumstances'; another order said he had tendered his resignation on August 7 'owing to personal grounds', which was accepted

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Reports had claimed links between the IIPS Director's suspension to some issues over data points in health surveys. FILE PHOTO

The Union government has revoked the suspension order of International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS) Director K.S. James, passed in late July citing irregularities in recruitments, and also accepted his resignation, submitted in early August, through two official orders issued by the Health and Family Welfare Ministry last Wednesday.

Mr. James's suspension as Director of IIPS was lifted on the basis of what the Ministry termed "material changes in the circumstances" without specifying if the alleged irregularities had been proven untrue.

Noting that "Hon'ble HFM [Health and Family Welfare Minister Mansukh Mandaviya] is the Disciplinary Authority" in the IIPS Director's case, the Ministry's statistics division revoked the suspension order on October 11 "with immediate effect".

"Whereas approval of the Hon'ble HFM... was received for his [James's] suspension w.e.f. 28.07.2023, as per Rule 10(1)(a) of CCS (CCA) Rules, 1965.... the competent authority, on subsequent review, is of the opinion that in view of material changes in the circumstances, the suspension of Prof. K. S. James may not be extended further," the order said.

On the same day, another order was issued noting that he had tendered his resignation on August 7 "owing to personal grounds" and the resignation had been accepted. The resignation would take effect "from the date of clearance of his government dues or with immediate effect, whichever is later".

The IIPS, deemed to be a university, also conducts vital studies such as the National Family Health Survey (NFHS), the Assessment of National Rural Health Mission, and the Global Adult Tobacco Survey.

'Not a punishment'

Following media reports claiming links between his suspension to some data points in health surveys, the Ministry had asserted it was not a punishment but aimed at ensuring a free and fair investigation into *prima facie* irregularities observed in, among other things, faculty recruitments, reservation rosters and dead stock registers. The suspension initially was "for a period of 90 days or completion of further investigation, whichever is earlier".

Members of the Opposition parties and the scientific community had questioned the move, and termed it a sign of the Centre's continuing uneasy relationship with data-based evidence on development.

On Monday, Congress MP Jairam Ramesh said the suspension was based on the "flimsiest of charges" and its revocation after the Director's resignation in August "is a face-saving charade by the government". Calling Mr. James's "premature and forced" exit a big blow to the world of demographic scholarship, the Congress leader said: "Eventually, the credibility of our institutions and governance suffers."

Status on official site

As of Monday evening, the IIPS website continued to show him as its Director and senior Professor.

Mr. James holds a Ph.D. in demography from Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi and has been a Visiting Fellow at the University of Groningen in the Netherlands, the University of Southampton in the U.K., among others. He has co-authored books and major reports, including the India Ageing Report 2017 for the United Nations Population Fund, and Population Ageing in India for the Cambridge University Press.

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The Supreme Court agreed on Monday to list early a special leave petition challenging the Delhi High Court order dismissing petitions filed by *NewsClick* founder Prabir Purkayastha and its human resources head, Amit Chakraborty, against their arrest by the Delhi Police under the draconian Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA).

In an oral mentioning before a Bench headed by Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud, senior advocate Kapil Sibal, for the petitioners, said Mr. Purkayastha was over 70 years old and had been in remand for several days.

Chief Justice Chandrachud said he would look at the case papers later in the day and fix a date for hearing.

Earlier in October, the High Court had refused to interfere with the arrest and subsequent police remand of the duo under the anti-terror law.

The court rejected their plea saying there was no "procedural infirmity".

CBI files chargesheet against 6 accused in Manipur sexual violence case of May 4

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NEW DELHI

In the incident that triggered outrage, women were gang-raped, stripped and paraded by a violent mob.

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Monday filed a chargesheet against six accused persons and a report against one child in conflict with law in connection with the incident in which women were gang-raped, stripped and paraded by a mob in Manipur in May.

The chargesheet and the report have been submitted before a special court in the Assam capital, Guwahati.

The CBI has invoked Indian Penal Code provisions related to criminal conspiracy, common intention, rioting with deadly weapons, outraging modesty of women and indulging in gang rape, besides those under the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe (Prevention of Atrocities) Act.

The agency had registered the FIR on a reference from the Manipur government and notification from the Union government.

1,000-strong mob

The case was initially registered on June 21 with the NSK police station in Thoubal district. It was alleged that on May 4, a mob of about 1,000 people – some armed with sophisticated weapons -– entered B. Phainom village in Kangpokpi district of Manipur, vandalised and set houses ablaze, looted properties, assaulted villagers, committed murders, and sexually assaulted women.

"It was further alleged that two family members of one of the victims were also killed in the incident. The CBI investigation revealed that the accused were involved in the said incident," said the Central agency, adding that the probe was under way to identify the other accused involved in the offences, besides other aspects of the case.

A video clip of the incident, showing the women being paraded, had surfaced more than two months after the incident and gone viral. It triggered an outrage that led to protests.

Justice Mridul appointed CJ of Manipur High Court

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NEW DELHI

Justice Siddharth Mridul has been appointed Chief Justice of the Manipur High Court, the Union Law Ministry said in a notification on Monday.

In July, the Supreme Court Collegium had recommended the appointment of the Delhi High Court judge. However, the recommendation was pending with the Centre for over three months. Last week, the Centre informed that Justice Mridul's appointment had been cleared and would be notified shortly.

Since February, the Manipur High Court has been functioning without a permanent Chief Justice.

Justice M.V. Muralidharan had been serving as the Acting Chief Justice.

Mahua denies 'cash for query' charge, sends legal notice

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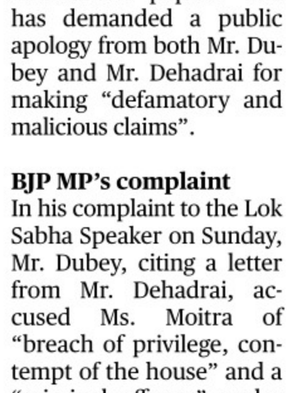
Mahua Moitra

The political storm over BJP MP Nishikant Dubey's "cash-for-query" allegation against Trinamool Congress MP Mahua Moitra intensified on Monday, with Ms. Moitra serving a legal notice on Mr. Dubey and advocate Jai Anant Dehadrai, who supplied the "alleged" evidence against her, for making "defamatory and malicious claims".

Mr. Dubey complained to Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on Sunday that Ms. Moitra had allegedly taken bribes from a business house to ask questions in Parliament.

Several BJP leaders also spoke out against Ms. Moitra, including Union Minister of State for IT Rajeev Chandrashekhar, who said that "if true, this is indeed shocking and shameful".

The Adani Group also issued a statement, saying the latest allegations corroborate its stand that "groups and individuals have been working overtime to harm its name and market standing".

Mr. Dubey also stepped up the pressure by writing a letter to Union IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw and Mr. Chandrasekhar, demanding that an inquiry committee be set up against Ms. Moitra to ascertain if she shared her Lok Sabha credentials with an "external entity".

Defending herself, Ms. Moitra said that all the parliamentary work of the MPs were done by the personal assistants, interns and large teams.

The Trinamool leader urged Mr. Vaishnaw to release the "details of location and login details of all MPs with Call Detail Records (CDRs)".

It was also pointed out that Mr. Dehadrai, an estranged partner of Ms. Moitra, had a bitter feud running with the Trinamool leader over the custody of their pet dog. Ms. Moitra had filed multiple police complaints against him in the past six months for alleged criminal trespass, theft, vulgar messages, and abuse.

Trinamool sources said the entire episode was "personal vendetta" being used for "political revenge".

In her legal notice, which was also aimed at 15 media houses for carrying the news reports, Ms. Moitra vehemently denied all allegations.

The Trinamool leader said that over the years, she had clashed with Mr. Dubey on account of their difference of opinion on various issues. Ms. Moitra claimed that in March 2023, she "rattled" Mr. Dubey by questioning the authenticity of his educational qualifications and disclosures in his election nomination papers. She has demanded a public apology from both Mr. Dubey and Mr. Dehadrai for making "defamatory and malicious claims".

BJP MP's complaint

In his complaint to the Lok Sabha Speaker on Sunday, Mr. Dubey, citing a letter from Mr. Dehadrai, accused Ms. Moitra of "breach of privilege, contempt of the house" and a "criminal offence" under Section 120A of the IPC. He said the advocate's letter provided irrefutable evidence.

"There is not an iota of doubt about a criminal conspiracy hatched by Mahua Moitra to protect the interests of a businessman - Shri Darshan Hiranandani - by asking Parliamentary Questions, which is reminiscent of the 'Cash for Query' episode of 12 December, 2005," he wrote.

Responding to the charge, the Hiranandani group denied it saying they have "no merit.

SC verdict on same-sex marriage case slated today

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

A Constitution Bench headed by Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud is scheduled to pronounce on Tuesday its judgment in a series of petitions seeking legal recognition of same-sex marriage. The case was reserved on May 11 for judgment.

The verdict is eagerly awaited as the government had stiffly objected to the idea of a judicial declaration giving legal status to same-sex relationships, saying that would result in confusion and encroach into the legislative domain.

The Centre had argued that the court ought to leave the issue to the Parliament and not even recognise a status "less than marriage" for same-sex couples.

The Centre had said a mere judicial declaration recognising same-sex marriages wouldn't be enough.

Court issues notice to RS Secretariat over AAP MP's suspension

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday issued formal notice to the Rajya Sabha Secretariat on a petition by Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) MP Raghav Chadha, who has challenged his "indefinite suspension" from the Upper House.

A three-judge Bench headed by Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud sought a response from the Secretariat and the Rajya Sabha Chairman on Mr. Chadha's petition, questioning the latter's jurisdiction to suspend him despite the fact that the Privilege Committee was already enquiring into his conduct.

"There is no power to suspend...where is the power to suspend pending enquiry," Chief Justice Chandrachud asked.

Mr. Chadha, represented by senior advocate Rakesh Dwivedi and advocate Shadan Farasat, submitted that the suspension was in clear breach of Rules 256 and 266 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Council of States ('Rajya Sabha Rules') which incorporate a categorical prohibition against the suspension of any Member for a period 'exceeding the remainder of the Session'.

The petition asked whether an MP could be suspended even in a case of breach of parliamentary privilege, and that too indefinitely.

"Would that kind of suspension pass the test of proportionality? Even if Rule 256 allows suspension for disregarding the Chair, it should extend only till the end of that particular session," Mr. Farasat said.

The Bench also highlighted the right of an MP to free speech inside and outside the House. The court listed the case for hearing on October 30.

U.S.-based advocacy groups raising voice for minority rights blocked on X in India

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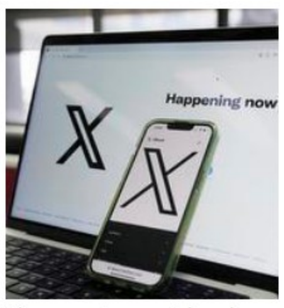

The accounts were taken down following a "legal demand". AP

The Indian American Muslim Council (IAMC) and Hindus for Human Rights (HfHR), two U.S.-based non-profits that frequently criticise Indian political leaders' record on minority and caste rights issues in India, have had their accounts on X withheld in India, with the blocking taking place on Sunday. X is the social media platform formerly known as Twitter. A message on the platform says that their handles were suspended following a "legal demand".

It is unclear who issued the order. *The Hindu* has reached out to the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) for comment. The two non-profits' Facebook pages continue to be accessible from India.

While X is fighting a case in the Karnataka High Court on what it says is the Union government's excessive Internet blocking orders, it has largely complied with most takedown orders.

HfHR co-founder Raju Rajagopal told *The Hindu* that the non-profit was in touch with U.S. government officials on the blocking, and that it had "set the ball rolling" on challenging the action legally in India. IAMC was not immediately available for comment.

The New Delhi-based Internet Freedom Foundation hit out at the government's move. "Of late, we have seen an increase in the instances of entire accounts being blocked on Twitter in India," the IFF said in a statement.

"This is a disproportionate measure, and may be potentially unconstitutional. Further, in nearly all cases, copies of the blocking orders are not made available publicly or even to the owners of the Twitter account. This lack of transparency is illegal, and perpetuates an environment of zero accountability," it added.

The IAMC frequently shares reported instances of violations of Indian Muslims' rights, such as incendiary speeches by politicians, violence against places of worship, and police abuses. HfHR has been one of the organisations advocating for an explicit prohibition of discrimination on the basis of caste.

Will measure Congress's strengths in U.P., says SP

Mayank Kumar
LUCKNOW

The Samajwadi Party (SP) on Monday said if the Congress was not ready to accommodate it suitably for the Madhya Pradesh Assembly election, the party would also "measure" the Congress's strengths before going ahead with any seat-sharing agreement in Uttar Pradesh for the Lok Sabha election under INDIA bloc.

"Congress, as a bigger partner in the INDIA alliance, has failed to address our grievances in Madhya Pradesh on seat-sharing. Hence, we have to declare our candidates in the State. It will have no impact on larger Opposition alliance at the national level," Sunil Singh Yadav 'Sajan', SP national spokesperson, said.

On whether any possibility of an alliance in Madhya Pradesh still existed, he said it depended on the Congress. The SP is upset with the Congress for fielding a candidate from the Bijawar seat which the SP won in 2018.

'Practical issues' in teaming up with SP in Madhya Pradesh: Nath

INDIA bloc's focus is on Lok Sabha election, says Congress leader on prospects of an alliance with SP for Assembly election; Akhilesh Yadav says Nath should reveal the 'whole story' and that to defeat BJP neither Congress nor SP should lie

Mehul Malpani
BHOPAL

A day after the Samajwadi Party (SP) said it had worked out an alliance with the Congress for the Madhya Pradesh Assembly election, the Congress's chief ministerial candidate, Kamal Nath, on Monday said discussions were held with the SP, but there were some "practical issues" in forming an alliance in the State.

Addressing a press conference here, Mr. Nath said the focus of the Indian National Developmental, Inclusive Alliance (INDIA) was on national politics and the Congress had to take into consideration various local factors before teaming up with the SP in the State.

Both the Congress and the SP are part of the INDIA bloc.

"Discussions were held and are going on but ultimately, INDIA alliance is at the central level. If it works out [here in M.P.] then great, but if it does not, its focus is on the Lok Sabha election," Mr. Nath said on the prospects of a coalition of the Congress, the SP, and the Aam Aadmi Party in the State.

New entrant: Congress leader Kamal Nath with former Minister Mahendra Baudh as he joins the party in Bhopal on Monday. ANI

The Congress released its first list of 144 candidates for Madhya Pradesh on Sunday. Mr. Nath said the candidates for the remaining 86 seats would be announced in two or three days.

The Akhilesh Yadav-led SP has named candidates for nine seats so far, including five seats where the Congress candidates are also in the fray. SP leader Yash Bhartiya on Sunday said the party was planning to contest all 230 seats in the State.

SP spokesperson Sunil Singh Yadav said in Lucknow on Sunday that the leaders of the two parties "are in touch and things have been sorted out with regard to seat-sharing". "We will fight together under the INDIA alliance; there will be no division of votes," he said.

Mr. Akhilesh, during a visit to the poll-bound State last week, had also said that his party wanted to ally with the Congress to defeat the BJP.

'Want SP's help'

Mr. Nath said the Congress wanted the SP's help in taking on the BJP. "We have held talks with them on various subjects and we want that the SP supports us in defeating the BJP. They are interested in this too. I thank Akhilesh Yadav*ji* for his aim is to defeat the BJP, he himself told me that," he said.

"But we have to see our local situation. Some complications arise in this, for example if they [the SP] agree to field our leader, the candidate refuses to contest on SP's symbol. Now, what do we do?" he said.

"So, such situations arise and these are practical issues," the former Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister added.

He, however, said no such talks were held with Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) chief Mayawati.

'Don't lie'

Responding to Mr. Nath's remarks, Mr. Akhilesh said the Congress leader should reveal the "whole story".

"If Kamal Nath*ji* has said this then he should tell the whole story. And if we have to defeat the BJP, neither the Congress nor the SP should lie," he said at Deoria in Uttar Pradesh.

SP leader Shivpal Singh Yadav said in Kannauj on Monday that discussions were going on with the Congress's central leadership on an alliance in Madhya Pradesh.

Meanwhile, the AAP, another constituent of the INDIA bloc, has also declared candidates for 39 seats. It plans to field candidates on more seats.

Shah digs up lynching incident during rally; Cong. seeks EC action

Shubhomoy Sikdar
RAIPUR

Amit Shah

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday accused the Bhupesh Baghel government in Chhattisgarh of being involved in the lynching of a youth, with "appeasement and vote bank politics" in mind. The ruling Congress has described this as an attempt to communalise the election and instigate riots. The Congress has also demanded that the Election Commission take cognisance of the statement and initiate action against Mr. Shah.

Addressing a nomination rally at Rajnandgaon, his first public event in Chhattisgarh after the announcement of election dates, Mr. Shah referred to the communal violence at Biranpur - a village 70 km from Raipur - on April 8 in which a young man, Bhuneshwar Sahu, was killed.

The BJP has fielded Bhuneshwar's father, Ishwar Sahu, from the Saja constituency, currently represented by veteran Congress leader Ravindra Choubey.

"The Bharatiya Janata Party has decided that we will bring the murderers of Bhuneshwar Sahu to justice and as a symbolic gesture, we have fielded his father Shri Ishwar Sahu in the election," Mr. Shah said while introducing candidates from the Assembly segments under the Rajnandgaon Lok Sabha constituency.

He asked the gathering if they could vote again for a government that "trampled Bhuneshwar Sahu to death".

Responding to Mr. Shah's statement, the Congress claimed that Mr. Shah was frustrated by the clearly visible defeat of the BJP in Chhattisgarh and was resorting to communalism.

Israel matters more than Manipur for Modi: Rahul in poll-bound Mizoram

The Hindu Bureau
GUWAHATI

Campaign mode: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi leading a foot march in Mizoram capital Aizawl on Monday. ANI

Israel's war with the Hamas matters more to Prime Minister Narendra Modi than the ethnic conflict in Manipur, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi said in poll-bound Mizoram on Monday. Election to the 40-member Mizoram Assembly is scheduled for November 7.

Slamming the Prime Minister for not visiting Manipur after the ethnic clashes between the non-tribal Meitei and the tribal Kuki people broke out on May 3, Mr. Gandhi said the BJP-led Union government appeared to be more interested in Israel than in Manipur. "I went to Manipur and I could not believe what I saw... People have been murdered, women molested, and babies killed, but the PM does not find it important to travel there...," he told a gathering in Mizoram's capital Aizawl, after taking part in a *padayatra* as part of the Congress' Bharat Jodo Yatra programme.

'Emotional issue'

More than 12,000 Kuki people from Manipur have taken shelter in Mizoram since fleeing ethnic violence.

The Kuki, Zomi, Hmar, Chin (Myanmar) and Kuki-Chin (Bangladesh) communities are ethnically related to the dominant Mizos of Mizoram. Belonging to the Zo community, these groups share the same ancestry, culture, and tradition.

Mr. Gandhi's attack on Mr. Modi for his "handling" of the Manipur crisis assumes significance ahead of the Mizoram election as the violence in Manipur is an emotional issue for the Zo people.

Alleging that the BJP had been oppressing the people of India, he said the violence in Manipur was just a "symptom" of the problem "seen in a smaller form" in many parts of the country, where minority communities, tribes, and Dalits were feeling uncomfortable.

"It is the duty of every single Indian to protect every single religion, culture, language, and tradition of this country. That is what the Bharat Jodo Yatra is about," he said.

Mr. Gandhi also slammed the ruling Mizo National Front (MNF) for its alliance with the BJP, stating that while the saffron party "attacks your culture, religion and tradition, the MNF supports them in Delhi".

He criticised the government of Chief Minister Zoramthanga on issues such as drugs, unemployment, and underdevelopment. "I would like you to consider what the government has done over the past five years. Drugs are spreading rampantly among the future generation," he said, attributing Mizoram's drug problem to joblessness.

"Over the past five years, the MNF government created only 2,000 jobs. Your infrastructure and roads are in a shambles and they are destroying the economic future of the State," Mr. Gandhi said.

21 first-timers in Congress's first list for Mizoram

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GUWAHATI

The Congress on Monday announced its list of 39 candidates for the Mizoram Assembly election. This is the party's first election in the post-Lal Thanhawla era.

Mr. Thanhawla had been the Chief Minister for more than 21 years over five unequal terms. He retired from politics in November 2021.

The list names 21 first-timers and seven former Ministers, including Vanlalawmpuii Chawngthu, the lone woman candidate.

A party spokesperson said a second woman, Miriam L. Hrangchal, may be fielded from the Lunglei South constituency, where the candidate's name has not been announced yet.

"The list strikes a balance between youth and experience," State Congress president Lalsawta, who is contesting the Aizawl West-III seat, said.

Opposition leaders meet Palestine Ambassador to express solidarity

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Several Opposition leaders met Palestinian Ambassador Adnan Abu Alhaija on Monday to express their concern for the Palestinian people, and said that India should exercise its diplomatic influence to call for an immediate ceasefire in the ongoing Israel-Hamas conflict.

The delegation included CPI general secretary D. Raja, CPI(ML) general secretary Dipankar Bhattacharya, JD(U) leader K.C. Tyagi, SP leader Javed Ali Khan, CPI(M) Polit Bureau member Nilotpal Basu, and Congress leader Mani Shankar Aiyar.

The delegation strongly condemned the "indiscriminate bombing of Palestinians in Gaza by Israel", and called for "unimpeded delivery of humanitarian aid" to the people of Gaza.

In a joint resolution, the leaders said violence was "never a solution as it leads to a cycle of destruction and suffering". They called for efforts by the international community to bring about a peaceful resolution to the conflict. "The international community must exert pressure on ... Israel to abide by international laws and respect the rights and dignity of the Palestinian people. We call for intensified diplomatic efforts and multilateral initiatives to ensure a lasting peace in the region," it said.

SC seeks U.P.'s reply to plea over remarks against Modi

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday sought a response from Uttar Pradesh to a plea by Congress leader Pawan Khera to quash criminal proceedings instituted against him over an alleged mispronunciation of the name of PM as "Narendra Gautam Das Modi" at a press conference.

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INBRIEF

SpiceJet flight to Tel Aviv develops snag after landing

A SpiceJet aircraft that flew to Tel Aviv to bring back the fifth batch of stranded Indians developed a technical snag and was shifted to Amman in Jordan, delaying their return. SpiceJet's Airbus A340 took off from New Delhi on Sunday and landed in Tel Aviv on Monday morning, when a technical issue was detected in the aircraft, according to sources. It was then taken to Jordan's Amman airport. This was SpiceJet's second aircraft which joined Operation Ajay. Several passengers took to social media to enquire about the status of the flight. A total of four flights chartered by the Ministry of External Affairs under Operation Ajay have brought back 918 Indians so far.

Five flogging victims refuse to take aid from policemen

Five Muslim men, who were publicly flogged by the police in Kheda district of Gujarat last year, have declined to accept monetary compensation from four policemen, who are now facing a contempt of court petition. The court is set to deliver its verdict in the matter on October 19. On Monday, the Gujarat High Court was informed that the five victims from the minority community who were tied to a pole and publicly flogged had refused to accept monetary compensation from the four policemen who earlier contended that they would offer monetary compensation to the victims to escape the contempt of court petition.

Modi speaks to Pichai, lauds Google's maunfacturing plans

Prime Minister Narendra Modi held a virtual discussion with Google CEO Sundar Pichai on Monday, the Prime Minister's Office said. Mr. Pichai and Mr. Modi "discussed Google's plan to participate in expanding the electronics manufacturing ecosystem in India". Mr. Modi appreciated the company's partnerships to have its Chromebook devices assembled in the country, said the PMO. Mr. Pichai may have informed Mr. Modi on the announcements the company has lined up for the event; reporters are set to be briefed on Thursday morning on a key subject cited by the description of the call.

Five detained after clash in Aligarh during Shobha Yatra

The Aligarh police on Monday said that they have detained five people in connection with a clash between two communities in the Chandaus area of the city over the route of a 'Shobha Yatra' that happened on Sunday evening. One person was injured in the clash. Two cases have been registered at the Chandaus police station under Sections 147 (rioting), 148 (rioting, armed with a deadly weapon), 149 (unlawful assembly) and 188 (disobedience to order duly promulgated by public servant) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC). "Security has been beefed up in the area. The 'Shobha Yatra' happened peacefully," said Kalanidhi Naithani, SSP, Aligarh.

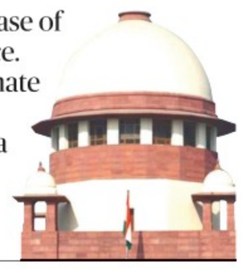
Court declines abortion plea, says it can't 'stop heartbeat' of viable foetus

The Bench says the petitioner can't claim an 'absolute, overriding' right to abort when report claims there is no threat to her life; government said she was well past the abortion limit of 24 weeks under the Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

> She is physically, emotionally, mentally, financially and medically unable to carry, deliver or raise a child. She is in depression after the birth of her second child
> **PETITIONER'S COUNSEL**

> This is no longer a case of pro-life or pro-choice. She cannot medically terminate the child now. The choice is now between a pre-term or a full-term delivery
> **AISHWARYA BHATI**
> Additional Solicitor-General of India



The Supreme Court on Monday declined a married woman's plea to medically terminate her 26-week pregnancy, saying the court is averse to ordering doctors to "stop the heartbeat" of the foetus when medical reports say she will give birth to a "viable baby".

A three-judge Bench headed by Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud made it clear that the woman cannot claim an "absolute, overriding right" to abort, especially when multiple reports from the AIIMS medical Board have confirmed that the pregnancy was not a cause of immediate danger to her life or the foetus.

Section 5 of the Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act prescribes medical termination if the pregnancy was "immediately necessary to save the life of the pregnant woman".

Chief Justice Chandrachud said the term 'life' used in this provision cannot be equated to the broader meaning in which 'life' is used in Article 21 of the Constitution. Article 21 upholds an individual's fundamental right to a dignified, meaningful life.

The Chief Justice said Section 5, on the other hand, uses 'life' in the context of a life-and-death situation when medical opinion confirms that a woman's very existence hangs in the balance if she attempts to carry her pregnancy to full term. In fact, Section 5 allows abortion only if the pregnancy poses an actual, physical and immediate danger to a woman's life and health, according to medical experts.

The hearing saw the court's concern expand beyond the pregnant woman to embrace the rights and well-being of the unborn child.

The hearing started with the woman's counsel submitting that she was "physically, emotionally, mentally, financially and medically unable to carry, deliver or raise a child". He said she was already a mother of two. She suffered from post-partum depression after the birth of her second child in September last year.

The government, represented by Additional Solicitor-General Aishwarya Bhati, said medical reports showed a healthy foetus with no abnormalities. Ms. Bhati said the woman was well past the abortion limit of 24 weeks under the Act.

"This is no longer a case of pro-life [life of the child] or pro-choice [reproductive autonomy of the woman]. This is actually Hobson's choice for her. She cannot medically terminate the child now. The choice is now between a pre-term or a full-term delivery. Chances of a healthy child reduces with a pre-term delivery. A full-term delivery gives the child a healthy chance to survive," Ms. Bhati said. She submitted that pre-term delivery was opted only in the "rarest of rare cases".

Senior advocate Colin Gonsalves intervened to argue that the right of the woman was absolute. "In international law, there is no right of the foetus or right of the unborn child," he argued.

"So even if a woman is in her 33rd or 34th week of pregnancy, will it give her an overriding right to terminate her pregnancy? Can a woman opt for abortion in her 33rd week of pregnancy, irrespective of whether the child is suffering from abnormalities or not?" the Chief Justice asked Mr. Gonsalves.

India and U.K. discuss Indo-Pacific and trade

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Reaffirming mutual commitment to maritime freedom, India and the U.K. on Monday discussed the situation in the Indo-Pacific region. The discussion was held here during the inaugural "2+2" Foreign and Defence Dialogue. "The two sides also discussed possibilities for further collaboration in trade and investment, defence, critical and emerging technologies, civil aviation, health, energy, and strengthening peoples connect," a release said.

They discussed ideas regarding counterterrorism, HADR and maritime security. The Indian delegation was led by Piyush Srivastava, Joint Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, and Vishwesh Negi, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Defence, and the U.K. delegation was co-chaired by Ben Mellor, India Director, Indian Ocean Directorate, FCDO and Lt. General Rob Magowan, Deputy Chief of Defence Staff.

Freedom of speech must be protected: media bodies

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Media bodies on Monday sought President Droupadi Murmu's intervention to ensure that the freedoms of speech and to profess occupation and livelihood in the Constitution were protected. Journalists also held a protest at the Press Club of India against attacks on media freedom.

In a letter to the President, the organisations said that, currently, there was an unprecedented situation faced by independent media in the country.

"As journalists we take a lot of collective pride in the strides that our country has made in the last 75 years. There was a dark period as well when the Fourth Estate was fettered. Today, our community faces a similar but more insidious challenge. Even as the majority in our profession face precarious working conditions, the use of draconian laws against journalists has gone up exponentially," the letter issued by the Press Club of India said.

Two laboratories in India take majority of cough syrup samples for testing

Bindu Shajan Perappadan
NEW DELHI

Earlier, the Centre had made it compulsory to syrup manufacturers to get a certificate from approved laboratories. ISTOCK

Two laboratories – one Central and one State – are analysing the bulk of cough syrup samples brought in for testing before they are exported, shows the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) list issued in October. The country has 15 Central and State-run laboratories engaged in cough syrup sample testing.

The Union government issued a notification early this year making it compulsory from June 1 for cough syrup manufacturers to secure a certificate of analysis from government-approved laboratories.

The order came following a World Health Organization product alert in cases of syrup products being exported from India.

India is the world's third largest maker of drugs by volume after the U.S. and China.

According to the CDSCO, the number of batches of cough syrup samples received for testing in Central/ State drug testing laboratories in two centres – CDTL, Mumbai; and the Food and Drug Laboratory, Gujarat – is 176. This is part of the 328 batches being tested in various centres currently.

The CDSCO and the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare have brought in various measures to maintain the standard of drugs being exported from India. A senior Health Ministry official noted that regulatory measures that have been undertaken include amending the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, 1945.

"The amendments include mandating that before the grant of a manufacturing licence, the manufacturing establishment is to be inspected jointly by the drugs inspectors of the Union government and State government. Also, the number of sanctioned posts in the CDSCO has been significantly increased in the last 10 years, and an amendment has also been brought in, making it mandatory for applicants to submit evidence of stability, safety, etc. to the State licensing authority before the grant of manufacturing licence by the authority," the official added.

Gaganyaan's test flight to commence at 7 a.m. on Oct. 21

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Gaganyaan mission's Flight Test Vehicle Abort Mission-1 (TV-D1) will take place between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. on October 21 from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota.

"Mission Gaganyaan: The TV-D1 test flight is scheduled for October 21, 2023, between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. from SDSC-SHAR," the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) said in a post on X (formerly Twitter). TV-D1 will demonstrate the performance of the Crew Escape System.

The ISRO said the Crew Module (CM) is where the astronauts are contained in a pressurised earth-like atmospheric condition during the mission.

"The CM for the Gaganyaan mission is in different stages of development. For the TV-D1, the CM is an unpressurised version that has completed its integration and testing and is ready to be shipped to the launch complex. This unpressurised CM version has to have an overall size and mass of actual Gaganyaan CM. It houses all the systems for the deceleration and recovery. With its complete set of parachutes, recovery aids, actuation systems and pyros. The avionics systems in CM are in a dual redundant mode configuration for navigation, sequencing, telemetry, instrumentation and power. The CM in this mission is extensively instrumented to capture the flight data for evaluation of the performance of various systems. The CM will be recovered after touchdown in the Bay of Bengal, using a dedicated vessel and diving team from the Indian Navy," the ISRO said.

The Gaganyaan vehicle

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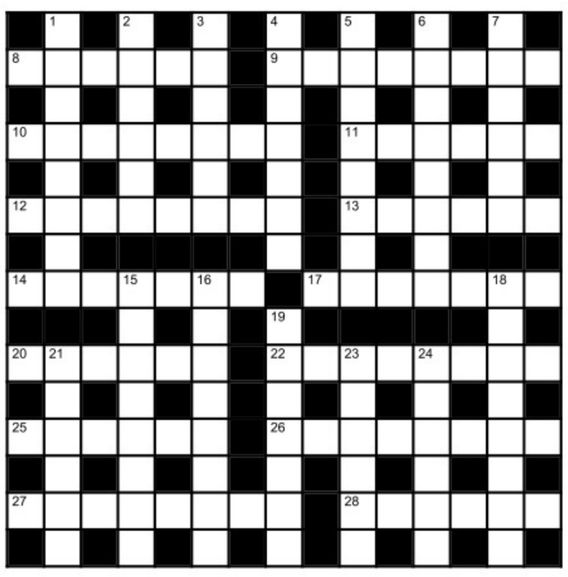

Across

8 Baron Ray is in trouble (6)
9 Longing (yen) lost after lady's information (8)
10 Finances in lacs, totally as private investment primarily? Fantastic (8)
11 Reptile's tail severed, flipped. Has a big head in the front, in a foreign country (6)
12 Dog breaks trends (8)
13 Leader lacking insight to compose thoughts (6)
14 Be in good shape to frequently receive angel's aid (7)
17 Cavaliers and king shape 13 (7)
20 Courage shown by short boy alongside railway official preventing loot primarily (6)
22 CERN to lead 50% to transform an elementary particle (8)
25 Brutal punch taking power with force (6)
26 Editor recalled reporter in Express (8)
27 Rural inhabitant's house at Germany (8)
28 Inventor of an element (erbium) (6)

Down

1 Will's appeal indisputable (8)
2 Undergraduate's invention's primarily reckless and more revolting (6)
3 Force coaches to cycle (6)
4 Shirt on top in the cupboard is dearest (7)
5 Fruit and butter perhaps besides a lunch essentially (8)
6 Attacking reforms India arrests vain leader. No good (8)
7 Pandemonium in England gets resolution (6)
15 Specialist's passion largely hollow in every way (8)
16 Say cold people's eyes reportedly be with rage often taking on society (8)
18 Upsets butler so badly (8)
19 Audience on notice to ignore odd genres (7)
21 Soldiers arresting one nationalist at foundation (6)
23 Stands quiet at house (6)
24 Strange hatred for subject (6)

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Solution to previous puzzle

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Pray *Thayar* this Navaratri

No matter where we are, whatever state we may be in, the only thing we need is the grace of *Thayar* (Mahalakshmi). Her *kadaksham* is all that is required to attain not only worldly riches, but also the everlasting blessings for oneself and one's family, eternally. It is easily achieved if we pray to Mahalakshmi this Navaratri by reciting nine relevant slokas every day, said Prabha Senesh in a discourse.

One may wonder how She can be celebrated thus when Narayanan is the primordial one. She enjoys this exalted status since She resides in Him eternally and just Her glance is sacrosanct.

Lakshmi translates as Lakshanam, the attribute, the mark of Narayanan. He blesses us from His five states (*nilai*), but even there He is guided by the flick of Her gaze.

On days one and two of Navaratri, Narayanan is celebrated in Para and Vyuha states, respectively. Reciting the "*Svasti shrirdishat AdashEShajagatAm sargOpasarga sthiti*" verse from Koorathazhwar's Sristavam on day one and the 14th stanza of Swami Vedanta Desikan's Sri Stuti the next day will help gain Her blessings.

Day three of Navaratri, we celebrate the Lord in Antharyami. Narayanan resides in the hearts and minds of all devotees in this state. Vishnu resides as Sripati, with Lakshmi always present in Him.

INBRIEF

Bank of Maharashtra Q2 net profit soars 72% to ₹920 crore

Bank of Maharashtra reported Q2 standalone net profit surged 71.9% to ₹920 crore compared with ₹535 crore in the year-earlier period. Net interest income grew 28.9% to ₹2,432 crore from ₹1,887 crore a year earlier. Net revenue (net interest income plus other income) rose 29.7% to ₹3,100 crore from ₹2,389 crore. The cost-to-income ratio improved to 38% compared with 38.82% in the year-earlier period.

Federal Bank Q2 net profit jumps 36% to ₹953.8 crore

Federal Bank on Monday reported a 35.5% jump in net profit to ₹953.82 crore for the quarter ended September 30 from the year-earlier period. The private sector lender's total business rose to ₹4,25,685.12 crore during the quarter under review from ₹3,50,386 crore as total deposits increased more than 23% and net advances rose 19.58%. The Kochi-based bank also recorded the highest-ever net interest income of ₹2,056.42 crore, a growth of 16.72%.

Delta Corp shares plunge 9% on ₹6,384-crore GST notice

Shares of Delta Corp plunged almost 9% on Monday after the company received a GST notice for short payment of tax to the tune of ₹6,384 crore. The stock tanked 8.79% to settle at ₹127.70 apiece on the BSE. During the day, it fell 11% to ₹124.60, its 52-week low. On the NSE, the shares plummeted 8.17% to end at ₹128.55 per piece. On the volume front, 28.26 lakh shares of the firm were traded on the BSE and more than 2.93 crore shares were traded on the NSE during the day. PTI

Wholesale prices stayed almost flat in September

Cheaper vegetables helped ease food price rise to 1.5% despite accelerated uptick in pulses, wheat, cereals, fruits, milk prices; onion prices quickened to cross 55% in September from 31.4% in August

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

India's wholesale prices stayed in deflationary mode for the sixth month in a row this September, albeit only fractionally with inflation at -0.26% compared to -0.52% in August.

Wholesale price inflation had been 10.55% in September 2022, creating a high base effect. Price rise in primary articles and food items eased sharply to 3.7% and 1.5%, respectively, from 6.34% and 5.62% in August. However, within food items, the price rise in onions accelerated to cross 55% from 31.4% in August, while inflation in pulses sped to 17.7% from 10.45% in the previous month.

Milk inflation hit a three-month high of 8.6%. Vegetables' prices, which had risen a sharp 67.6% and 48.4% in July and August, slid 15%, bringing some relief, but the price rise in cereals and wheat hardened to 7.3% and 6.3%, respectively.

The surge in global oil and gas prices led to a sharp rebound in crude petroleum and natural gas inflation which hit an 8-month high of 15.6% from -1.9% in August.

Despite a sequential rise in food prices so far this month, rating agency ICRA expects overall wholesale prices to remain in deflationary territory in October as well.

Negative territory

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Coal India raises supply to power units in Oct. first half

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

State-owned Coal India (CIL) on Monday said its supply to the country's coal-fired power plants rose by 6% to 23.5 million tonnes (MT) in the first half of October, ahead of the festive season. It was 22.2 MT in the same time last year.

The supply was increased amid a sudden rise in power demand even as unseasonal rains hit operations in CIL's mines in eastern India.

The overall supply of dry fuel by CIL to the country's power plants was almost 319 MT till October 15 of the ongoing fiscal.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	MONDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	66,167	-0.17
US Dollar	83.27	0.03
Gold	60,150	1.86
Brent oil	90.12	–

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	2429.35	-25.20
Adani Ports	805.65	-8.10
Apollo Hosp	5021.70	4.40
Asian Paints	3112.05	-36.75
Axis Bank	1004.80	10.75
Bajaj Auto	5076.70	24.30
Bajaj Finserv	1642.35	-4.20
Bajaj Finance	8036.00	-15.65
Bharti Airtel	946.55	-7.65
BPCL	347.25	-0.45
Britannia Ind	4586.05	11.35
Cipla	1164.40	-3.35
Coal India	312.00	4.05
Divis Lab	3655.20	-80.15
Dr Reddys Lab	5493.10	32.90
Eicher Motors	3486.60	10.20
Grasim Ind	1973.70	-8.90
HCL Tech	1270.65	14.75
HDFC Bank	1529.60	-6.15
HDFC Life	630.05	4.80
Hero MotoCorp	3161.00	62.55
Hindalco	483.40	2.80
Hind Unilever	2558.30	-11.15
ICICI Bank	951.40	0.10
IndusInd Bank	1446.40	-17.30
Infosys	1434.15	3.00
ITC	448.95	0.60
JSW Steel	790.70	13.45
Kotak Bank	1749.75	-12.25
L&T	3101.90	12.30
LTIMindtree Ltd.	5162.45	67.30
M&M	1574.55	12.10
Maruti Suzuki	10704.50	-23.05
NestleIndia	23108.55	-445.80
NTPC	243.45	1.40
ONGC	186.55	1.65
PowerGrid Corp	203.05	1.25
Reliance Ind	2344.05	-5.25
SBI Life	1322.20	5.75
State Bank	575.65	-0.50
Sun Pharma	1135.30	-10.00
TataConsumerProduct	908.60	-4.75
Tata Motors	666.20	-0.90
Tata Steel	127.00	1.95
TCS	3524.05	-46.80
Tech Mahindra	1184.60	-9.50
Titan	3301.40	17.65
UltraTech Cement	8292.20	-76.80
UPL	630.95	7.90
Wipro	410.20	-0.85

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on October 16

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	83.07	83.39
Euro	87.47	87.81
British Pound	100.90	101.30
Japanese Yen (100)	55.55	55.77
Chinese Yuan	11.36	11.40
Swiss Franc	92.00	92.36
Singapore Dollar	60.64	60.89
Canadian Dollar	60.88	61.12
Malaysian Ringitt	17.53	17.61
Australian Dollar	52.53	52.74

Source:Indian Bank

HDFC Bank Q2 net nears ₹16,000 cr. on merger with parent

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

HDFC Bank Ltd. posted second quarter standalone net profit of ₹15,976 crore. This is the first results announcement after the merger took effect July 1. Profit stood at ₹10,606 crore a year earlier.

For the quarter, net revenue was ₹38,093 crore compared with ₹28,617 crore. Net interest income (interest earned less interest expended) grew 30.3% to ₹27,385 crore, the bank said in a filing. After absorbing debt funded cost for additional liquidity and merger management, the reported Net Interest Margin was 3.4% on total assets and 3.6% on interest earning assets. In the previous quarter, the NIM was 4.1%.

"It was due to debt financing [of assets] by the erstwhile HDFC Ltd. which is [more] expensive than deposits [funded assets], said Srinivasan Vaidyanathan, CFO, HDFC Bank.

Some Russia-oil payments said to be held up over yuan issue

Reuters
NEW DELHI

The Indian government's discomfort over letting state-controlled refiners pay for Russian oil imports with Chinese currency has held up the payment for at least seven cargoes, people with direct knowledge of the matter said.

The tussle over payment has not disrupted deliveries so far, with Russian firms such as Rosneft continuing to supply state-controlled Indian refiners, who are seeking alternative ways for settlement.

India emerged as the top importer of Russian seaborne oil this year, with refiners snapping up the crude sold at a discount after some western nations suspended imports over Ukraine invasion.

Settlement issues

But refiners often face problems in settling oil trade with Moscow after the U.S and the European Union imposed a price cap of $60 a barrel on Russian oil, forcing buyers to use alternatives such as Emirati dirhams for cargoes that have gone above the cap as oil prices have risen. Reuters reported in July that Indian refiners began using yuan to pay for some oil from Russian sellers.

The Centre, however, has become uncomfortable with using the yuan for settlement, Finance Ministry officials said. It is unclear if the Centre instructed state refiners to stop paying in yuan, but New Delhi's disapproval is plain. "It is not banned and if a private firm has yuan to settle trade, the government will not stop it, but will neither facilitate the trade," said an official.

Petrol, diesel sales dip ahead of festivals

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Petrol and diesel sales fell in the first half of October ahead of the start of the festival season that is expected to boost consumption, preliminary data of state-owned firms showed.

Last year, Durga Puja/ Dussehra as well as Diwali fell in October. This year the festival season, when consumption picks up, starts in the second half of October.

Petrol sales by three state-owned fuel retailers fell 9% year-on-year, the first drop in two months. Diesel consumption dropped 3.2%.

The decline was largely because of the larger base of last year.

Petrol sales dropped to 1.17 million tonnes during the first half of October from 1.29 million tonnes a year earlier.

Sales dropped 9% month-on-month as well.

Consumption of diesel, the most consumed fuel in the country – accounting for about two-fifths of the demand, dropped to 2.99 million tonnes during October 1 to 15 from 3.09 million tonnes a year earlier.

Month-on-month sales were, however, up 9.6% compared with 2.73 million tonnes in the first half of September.

Basmati rice growers face loss as 'high' floor price dents exports

Reuters
NEW DELHI/MUMBAI

India's decision to maintain the current floor price for basmati rice exports will further hamper overseas sales of the premium variety and hit farm income, leaving growers saddled with large stocks of the new-season variety, farmers and millers said.

India exports more than 4 million metric tonnes of basmati – the premium long-grain variety famed for its aroma – to countries such as Iran and the U.S.

New Delhi set a floor price, or minimum export price (MEP), of $1,200 a tonne in August. It was expected to cut this MEP but the government said it would maintain the floor price until further notice.

"We are staring at massive losses," said Sukrampal Beniwal, who grows basmati varieties in the country's north. "We have harvested our crop, but there are no buyers."

"The decision to continue with the $1,200 MEP is a big blow to us," said Vijay Setia, a leading exporter, adding the Centre had to cut it to $850-$900 a tonne with immediate effect.

Bihar woos investors with roadshows

Lalatendu Mishra
MUMBAI

Samir Kumar Mahaseth

After slow but steady developmental initiatives and nascent economic growth, Bihar is reaching out to investors from India and abroad via roadshows.

The State Industries Department is conducting events in various parts of the country to meet industrialists and businessmen and apprise them of the law and order situation in the State and its 'industry-friendly business climate.'

Joined by a battery of top bureaucrats, Bihar Industries Minister Samir Kumar Mahaseth met more than a dozen businessmen from Mumbai on Monday and invited them to attend the state's first ever "Global Investors' Summit" to be held in the State capital Patna, between December 13-14, where more than 1,000 delegates are expected to participate and several sectoral policies would be announced.

"We want to change their (investors) perception of Bihar," said Mr. Mahaseth.

"Bihar has changed, our infrastructure and law and order situation are on a par with any other State," said Mr. Pankaj Dixit, Director, Industries Department of the state.

"Our primary objective (is) to promote MSMEs. This sector is a pre-requisite for industrialisation," Mr. Dixit added.

Besides, the State had created a plug-and-play facility of 24 lakh sq. ft. for companies to start operations without delay. The government has spent more than ₹1,400 crore in two years to develop industrial areas and created a land bank of over 3,000 acres for industries. The roads had become better and connectivity had improved drastically, Mr. Dixit emphasised.

The State is looking for investment in priority sectors which include food processing, textile, apparels, IT/ITES, electronics and electric vehicles.

"Bihar has come a long way. Companies which have bases are increasing capacity. We may have a population of 13 crore, but our catchment areas have 35 crore people, including in Nepal and Bhutan. So, any company that would invest in Bihar will have access to this market," said Mr. Mahaseth. .

The government had come up with new proposals for 40,000 small-scale industries in the state for migrant labourers, he added.

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TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through E-Procurement System only)

E-Tender is invited from reputed manufacturing companies/ authorized dealers for the supply of medicines to health centres, Karnataka University Dharwad-580003 for the year 2023-24 Last date for submission of online tender form is 31.10.23 For more details download the information from https://eproc.karnataka. gov.in

1	Last Date and Time of receipt of tender	31.10.2023 13.01 Hours
2	Date of Technical bid opening :	02.11.2023 13.05 Hours
3	Date and time of financial bid opening	03-11-2023 13: 00 Hours

Sd/-Registrar
Karnatak University,Dharwad

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Hebbal Division, 2nd Floor, BBMP Building, J.C. Nagar Main Road, Munireddy Palya, Bengaluru - 560032.

No: EE/HBL/TEND/03/2023-24 Date: 16-10-2023

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)

Tenders on item rate basis are invited by the Executive Engineer, Hebbal Division, BBMP for the works mentioned below from the registered Contractors of BBMP or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES or any State Government Organizations.

(Standard Tender Document - KW-1 or KW-2)

Sl. No.	Name of the Work / Category	Estimated Amount (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD Amount (in Rs.)
1	Filling of Potholes in Ward No. 18 (New Ward No. 61) Radhakrishna Temple. (Others)	15.00	37,500.00
2	Filling of Potholes in Ward No. 19 (New Ward No. 62) Sanjayanagar. (Others)	15.00	37,500.00
3	Filling of Potholes in Ward No. 20 (New Ward No. 67) Ganganagar. (SC)	15.00	18,750.00
4	Filling of Potholes in Ward No. 21 (New Ward No. 63) Hebbal. (ST)	15.00	18,750.00
5	Filling of Potholes in Ward No. 22 (New Ward No. 64) Vishwanatha Nagenahalli. (Others)	15.00	37,500.00
6	Filling of Potholes in Ward No. 33 (New Ward No. 66) Chamundinagar. (Others)	15.00	37,500.00
7	Filling of Potholes in Ward No. 65, Manorayanapalya New Ward. (SC)	15.00	18,750.00
8	Filling of Potholes in Ward No. 46 (New Ward No. 68) J.C. Nagar. (Others)	15.00	37,500.00

Calendar of Events: 1) The Tender Document can be Downloaded from the GOK e-Procurement Portal Website: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in. 2) Tender Documents can be Uploaded in E-Portal from 17-10-2023. 3) Last Date for Uploading the Filled Proposals is 27-10-2023 upto 16.00 Hrs. 4) Date of Opening of Financial Proposals is 30-10-2023 after 11.00 Hrs. Further details can be had from the above office.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Hebbal Division, BBMP.

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(RAICHUR THERMAL POWER STATION)
CIN : U85110KA1970SGC001919

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-procurement portal only)

Tenders are invited for the procurement of the following under "GOODS" category on 07.10.2023, 09.10.2023 & 10.10.2023 as per RTPS requirements through e-procurement portal www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in : (1) No. KPCL/2023-24/IND0452/CALL-2, Bends, Elbows for CAM-RTPS. EMD: Rs. 3,715/-. (2) No. KPCL/2023-24/IND0314/CALL-3, Cold Junction Box. EMD: Rs. 4,590/-. (3) No. KPCL/2023-24/IND0453/CALL-2, Mill spares: Pin groove. EMD: Rs. 25,455/-. (4) No. KPCL/2023-24/IND0534, Seal Runner & its assembly. EMD: Rs. 19,620/-. (5) No. KPCL/2023-24/IND0535, Canteen Stainless Steel items. EMD: Rs. 2,745/-. (6) No. KPCL/2023-24/IND0536, Canteen Electrical items. EMD: Rs. 5,400/-. (7) No. KPCL/2023-24/IND0538, High Pressure Valves for Units 1 to 4. EMD: Rs. 25,250/-. (8) No. KPCL/2023-24/IND0421/CALL-2, SS Hollow Tube. EMD: Rs. 1,720/-. (9) No. KPCL/2023-24/IND0420/CALL-2, Pump Hollow Tubes. EMD: Rs. 1,400/-. (10) No. KPCL/2023-24/IND0329/CALL-3, Air Cooler. EMD: Rs. 2,400/-. (11) No. KPCL/2023-24/IND0542, Wagon Tippler Spares like PNC Power Supply, Bridge Rectifier etc. EMD: Rs. 3,590/-. (12) No. KPCL/2023-24/IND0544, Power Contractor, Fuse etc. EMD: Rs. 5,490/-. (13) No. KPCL/2023-24/IND0541, Consumables like Wool, Mattress & A1 Sheet for RTPS. EMD: Rs. 24,000/-. (14) No. KPCL/2023-24/IND0537, 1 IN 8 1/2 Point & Crossings RH. EMD: Rs. 75,000/-. Last date time for receipt of tenders: for Sl. No. 1: 21.10.2023, 11.30 hrs., for Sl. No. 2: 20.10.2023, 16.00 hrs., for Sl. No. 3, 13 & 14: 25.10.2023, 16.00 hrs., for Sl. No. 4: 19.10.2023, 16.00 hrs., for Sl. No. 5: 27.10.2023, 16.00 hrs., for Sl. No. 6 to 12 : 26.10.2023, 16.00 hrs. Further details can be had from the office of the Executive Engineer (Purchase) RTPS, KPCL, Shaktinagar-584170, Dist: Raichur, Cell: 9449597966, e-mail: eeprtps@gmail.com

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, RI-TEC Division, Ground Floor, Annexe-3 Building, N.R. Square, Bengaluru - 560 002.

No: EE/TEC/TEND/07/2023-24 Date: 16.10.2023

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (Call-8)
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)

The Executive Engineer (RI-TEC),BBMP, Bengaluru, invites bids from reputed Firms/ Companies/Agencies for the work mentioned in the table below :

Sl. No.	Name of the work	EMD (Rs. in Lakhs)
1	Providing Smart Solution and Operation & Maintenance of Multi-Level Car Parking (MLCP) at Freedom Park, Gandhinagar for a period of 10 years	Rs.6.75 Lakhs (Rs. One lakh through E-Procurement & remaining as specified in bid document)

Calendar of Events: 1) Availability of RFP document from 17.10.2023 onwards. 2) Last date for uploading queries on 25.10.2023 upto 15:00 hrs. 3) Pre-bid meeting on : 26.10.2023 at 16:00 hrs. at Office of the Engineer in Chief, BBMP Head Office premises, 1st Floor, Annexe-2 Building, N.R. Square, Bengaluru - 560 002. 4) Last date of receipt of tenders: 03.11.2023 upto 16:30 hrs. 5) Date of Opening of Technical bids on: 04.11.2023 at 17:00 hrs.

Further details can be had from the office of the above during office hours on all working days or from the e-Procurement portal website: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

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RI-TEC Division, BBMP

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JERUSALEM

Israel military confirms 199 hostages abducted by Hamas

AP

The Israeli military on Monday raised the figure of people confirmed to have been abducted by Hamas to 199. They were taken to the Gaza Strip during cross-border attacks which sparked a devastating war. The previous figure released by the military was 155. Israelis and foreigners are among those abducted by Hamas. AFP

BAGHDAD

Arab League chief demands an end to Gaza military operations

REUTERS

The Arab League chief demanded an end to military operations in the Gaza Strip, and said the siege of the enclave is "depriving the Palestinians of their humanity". "We demand the opening of safe corridors," Secretary-General Ahmed Aboul Gheit said during an Arab justice ministers' meeting in Baghdad. AFP

JERUSALEM

Blinken seeks common front in Israel after tour of Arab nations

AP

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken returned on Monday to Israel after talks in six Arab states, hoping to coordinate efforts against Hamas while finding ways to alleviate Gaza's humanitarian crisis. "I want an opportunity to share everything that I've heard visiting our partners and to talk about the way forward," Mr. Blinken said. AFP

RAMALLAH

11 Palestinian journalists killed, 20 injured in Gaza war, says union

AFP

Eleven Palestinian journalists have been killed in the war in Gaza since Israel launched its blistering air campaign, the Palestinian journalists' union said. Twenty other journalists were injured in the conflict since it erupted on October 7 after Hamas militants carried out a deadly attack on Israel that triggered the war.AFP

Gaza hospitals reach breaking point as Israeli ground invasion looms

All eyes on Rafah crossing between Gaza and Egypt, where trucks carrying aid have been waiting for days; hospitals warn they are on the verge of collapse; Palestinians sheltering in UN facilities are on less than one litre of water a day

Associated Press
RAFAH

Palestinians in besieged Gaza crowded into hospitals and schools on Monday, seeking shelter and running low on food and water. More than a million people have fled their homes ahead of an expected Israeli ground invasion aimed at destroying Hamas after its fighters rampaged through southern Israel.

As the enclave's food, water and medicine supplies dwindled, all eyes were on the Rafah crossing between Gaza and Egypt, where trucks carrying badly needed aid have been waiting for days as mediators press for a cease-fire that would allow them to enter Gaza and allow foreigners to leave. Rafah, Gaza's only connection to Egypt, was shut down nearly a week ago because of Israeli airstrikes.

War cry: Israeli soliders ride in their armoured vehicles towards the border with the Gaza Strip on Monday. AFP

Egypt's Foreign Minister Sameh Shoukry said Israel "has not taken a position to open the crossing from the Gaza side." The Israeli government did not respond to a request for comment.

Hundreds of thousands of Palestinians sheltering in UN facilities are on less than one litre of water per day. Hospitals warn they are on the verge of collapse, with emergency generators that power machines such as ventilators and incubators down to about one day of fuel and supplies of medicine almost exhausted.

Deadliest Gaza war

The Gaza Health Ministry said 2,750 Palestinians have been killed and 9,700 wounded since the fighting erupted, more than in the 2014 Gaza war, which lasted over six weeks. That makes this the deadliest of the five Gaza wars for both sides.

More than 1,400 Israelis have died, the vast majority civilians killed in Hamas's October 7 assault.

Street fighting

Israeli airstrikes have pulverised entire neighbourhoods as Palestinian militants continue to fire rockets into Israel. Israel is widely expected to launch a ground offensive in order to kill Hamas leaders, recover captives and destroy the group's military infrastructure, much of which is in residential areas.

Street-by-street fighting would likely cause mounting casualties on both sides.

Muslim boy killed, woman injured in Illinois hate crime motivated by Gaza war

Associated Press
CHICAGO

An Illinois landlord accused of fatally stabbing a six-year-old Muslim boy and seriously wounding his mother was charged with hate crime after police and relatives said he singled out the victims because of their faith and as a response to the war between Israel and Hamas.

In recent days, the police in U.S. cities and the federal authorities have been on high alert for violence driven by antisemitic or Islamophobic sentiments. FBI officials, along with Jewish and Muslim groups, have reported an increase of hateful and threatening rhetoric.

Joseph M. Czuba

In the Chicago-area case, officers found the 32-year-old woman and boy late on Saturday morning at a home in an unincorporated area of Plainfield Township, about 65 km southwest of Chicago.

Relatives and a Muslim civil liberties group identified the slain boy as the wounded woman's son.

The boy was pronounced dead at a hospital. The woman had multiple stab wounds and was expected to survive. An autopsy on the child showed he had been stabbed dozens of times.

West Asia link

"Detectives were able to determine that both victims in this brutal attack were targeted by the suspect due to them being Muslim and the on-going Middle Eastern conflict involving Hamas and the Israelis," the sheriff's statement said.

Joseph M. Czuba, 71, of Plainfield was charged with first-degree murder, attempted first-degree murder, two counts of hate crimes and aggravated battery with a deadly weapon.

Court orders partial gag order against Trump in poll case

Reuters
WASHINGTON

A federal judge on Monday barred Donald Trump from targeting U.S. prosecutors, court staff and potential witnesses involved in a criminal case accusing him of trying to overturn his 2020 election loss.

U.S. District Judge Tanya Chutkan in Washington, pointing to disparaging social media posts from Mr. Trump, said she would not allow the former U.S. President to "launch a pretrial smear campaign" against people involved in the case.

"No other criminal defendant would be allowed to do so, and I'm not going to allow it in this case," Ms. Chutkan said.

The order bars Mr. Trump, frontrunner for the 2024 Republican presidential nomination, and attorneys in the case from targeting Special Counsel Jack Smith, prosecutors and court staff. It also prevents Mr. Trump from discussing potential witnesses as relates to their testimony at trial.

Youngest-ever President-elect in Ecuador vows to 'restore peace'

Agence France-Presse
QUITO

Car horns in Quito blared in celebration on Sunday as banana empire heir Daniel Noboa, 35, became Ecuador's youngest-ever President-elect, vowing to "restore peace" to a country ravaged by a bloody drug gang war.

After the electoral authority of Ecuador declared him the victor and socialist rival Luisa Gonzalez conceded defeat, Mr. Noboa vowed that "tomorrow we begin work to rebuild a country that has been severely hit by violence, corruption and hatred."

Daniel Noboa

Long a peaceful haven between major cocaine exporters Colombia and Peru, Ecuador has seen violence explode in recent years as enemy gangs with links to Mexican and Colombian cartels vie for control.

The fighting has seen at least 460 inmates massacred in prisons since February 2021 – many beheaded or burned alive in mass riots.

Candidate shot dead

In August, the violence claimed the life of anti-graft and anti-cartel presidential candidate Fernando Villavicencio, mowed down in a barrage of submachine-gun fire after a speech. He had been polling in second place.

Mr. Noboa, who obtained some 52% of the vote according to a near-complete count, was elected to only 16 months in office to complete the term of incumbent Guillermo Lasso, who called a snap vote to avoid possible impeachment for alleged embezzlement.

Under the law, Mr. Noboa can run again for the 2025-29 presidential term, and the one after that.

Both run-off candidates were relative unknowns in politics.

Mr. Noboa is the son of one of Ecuador's richest men, who himself has five failed presidential bids to his name.

Poland's pro-EU Opposition tipped to win Parliament polls

Agence France-Presse
WARSAW

Poland's liberal opposition on Monday appeared on track to win a parliamentary majority, exit polls showed, a day after a national election which saw the highest turnout since the fall of Communism.

The surprise result would end eight years of rule by the nationalist Law and Justice (PiS) party, during which relations with the European Union – and in recent weeks with war-torn Ukraine – have dramatically soured.

The Opposition, led by former EU chief Donald Tusk, has billed the parliamentary elections as the "last chance" to save democracy.

Putting the liberal opposition in power would bring a huge political shift in Poland, countering the PiS party's nationalist hardline Catholic vision for the country.

The election was dominated by issues such as Russia's invasion of neighbouring Ukraine, migrants and women's rights.

Sport

Rahane helps Mumbai get off to a winning start

MUSHTAQ ALI TROPHY

Sports Bureau

Skipper Ajinkya Rahane led from the front with an unbeaten 76 (43b, 6x4, 3x6) as defending champion Mumbai beat Haryana by eight wickets (under DLS method) in their truncated Group-A match of the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy in Jaipur on Monday.

The Group-E match between Tamil Nadu and Karnataka in Dehradun was abandoned because of wet weather.

Kerala beat Himachal Pradesh by 35 runs in a Group-B encounter at Mumbai.

The scores: Group-A (Jaipur):
Haryana 147/5 in 18 overs (Harshal Patel 38, Ankit Kumar 36, Nishant Sindhu 30 n.o., Tanush Kotian 3/19) lost to Mumbai 149/2 in 15.5 overs (Ajinkya Rahane 76 n.o.); **Mumbai 2, Haryana 0.**
Chhattisgarh 150/7 in 20 overs (Amandeep Khare 73, Shashank Singh 39, Mohit Jangra 3/23, K.C. Cariappa 3/10) bt Mizoram 106/8 in 20 overs (Lalhruaizela 30, Joseph Lalthankhuma 32); **Points: Chhattisgarh 4, Mizoram 0.**
Baroda 145/5 in 20 overs (Krunal Pandya 56, Shivalik Sharma 46, Yudhvir Singh 3/13) bt Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) 126/9 in 20 overs (Qamran Iqbal 37, Lukman Meriwala 3/25, Amit Passi 4/26); **Baroda 4, J&K 0.**
Meghalaya 119/6 in 20 overs (Larry Sangma 46, Ravi Teja 3/16) lost to Hyderabad 120/1 in 13.2 overs (Tanmay Agarwal 46 n.o., Tilak Varma 41 n.o.); **Hyderabad 4, Meghalaya 0.**
Group-B (Mumbai):
Kerala 163/8 in 20 overs (Vishnu Vinod 44, Sachin Baby 30 n.o., Mayank Dagar 3/33) bt Himachal Pradesh (HP) 128 in 19.1 overs (Nikhil Gangta 42, Vinod Kumar 4/22, Shreyas Gopal 4/17); **Kerala 4, HP 0.**
Sikkim 95/8 in 20 overs lost to Services 98/2 in 10.3 overs (Mohit Ahlawat 30 n.o.); **Services 4, Sikkim 0.**
Bihar 171/6 in 20 overs (Bipin Saurabh 76, Sakibul Gani 32) lost to Chandigarh 174/1 in 17 overs (Manan Vohra 81, Arjun Azad 79 n.o.); **Chandigarh 4, Bihar 0.**
Odisha 226/2 in 20 overs (Sandeep Pattnaik 87, Subhranshu Senapati 119 n.o.) bt Assam 215/9 in 20 overs (Rishav Das 32, Riyan Parag 45, Sumit Ghadigaonkar 44, Akash Sengupta 40, Sunil Roul 3/34); **Odisha 4, Assam 0.**
Kerala 163/8 in 20 overs (Vishnu Vinod 44, Sachin Baby 30 n.o.) bt Himachal Pradesh 128 in 19.1 overs (Nikhil Gangta 42, C.V. Vinod Kumar 4/22, Shreyas Gopal 4/17). **Kerala 4, HP 0.**
Group-C (Ranchi):
Saurashtra 211/4 in 20 overs (Tarang Gohel 51, Sheldon Jackson 41, Vishvaraj Jadeja 50 n.o., Jay Gohil 42 n.o.) bt Punjab 174 in 19.2 overs (Mandeep Singh 32, Anmolpreet Singh 48, Ramandeep Singh 32, Chirag Jani 3/26); **Saurashtra 4, Punjab 0.**
Arunachal Pradesh 126/8 in 20 overs lost to Gujarat 131/4 in 7.4 overs (Umang Kumar 37 n.o., Saurav Chauhan 61); **Gujarat 4, Arunachal 0.**
Manipur 112/5 in 20 overs (Prafullomani Singh 52 n.o., Akash Pandey 4/6) lost to Railways 116/1 in 10.1 overs (Shivam Chaudhary 35, Pratham Singh 67 n.o.); **Railways 4, Manipur 0.**
Goa 232/6 in 20 overs (Ishaan Gadekar 35, Rahul Tripathi 47, Darshan Misal 61, Tunish Sawkar 34 n.o., K.V. Siddhanth 32 n.o.) bt Andhra 201 in 18.3 overs (Ashwin Hebbar 31, Srikar Bharat 31, Hanuma Vihari 58, Arjun Tendulkar 3/46, Lakshay Garg 3/40); **Goa 4, Andhra 0.**
Group-D (Mohali): U Bengal 158/6 in 20 overs (Sudip Kumar Gharami 44, Ranjot Khaira 49 n.o.) lost to Maharashtra 159/2 in 14.2 overs (Ruturaj Gaikwad 82, Kedar Jadhav 40 n.o.); **Maharashtra 4, Bengal 0.**
ttarakhand 141/3 in 13 overs (Avneesh Sudha 50) lost to Vidarbha 145/3 in 11.2 overs (Shubham Dubey 47 n.o., Jitesh Sharma 51 n.o.); **Vidarbha 4, Uttarakhand 0.**
Puducherry vs. Rajasthan. Match abandoned. **Puducherry 2, Rajasthan 2.**
Group-E (Dehradun): Karnataka vs. Tamil Nadu. Match abandoned. **Karnataka 2, TN 2.**
Madhya Pradesh vs. Nagaland. Match abandoned. **MP 2, Nagaland 2.**
Delhi vs. Uttar Pradesh. **Delhi 2, UP 2.**

LIVE TELECAST

Men's Cricket World Cup: Star Sports 1 & Hotstar, 2 p.m.

Euro 2024: European Qualifiers, Sony Sports Ten 5 & LIV, 6.30 p.m.; Sony Sports Ten 2 & LIV, 9.30 p.m.; Sony Sports Ten 1, 3, 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 12.15 a.m. (Wednesday)

City Of Bliss takes the honours in feature event

RACING

HYDERABAD: Trainer Neelesh Rawal's City Of Bliss, ridden by apprentice Ajay Kumar, won the Telangana Race Horse Owners Association Trophy, the feature event of Monday's (Oct. 16) races. The winner is owned by Mr. K. Thribhuvan Reddy.

1. SHALIMAR PLATE: THE AKHANDA (Santosh Raj N.R.) 1, Reigning Beauty (Afroz Khan) 2, Gretsy (A. Imran Khan) 3 and Hero Of The East (Abhay Singh) 4. 1/2, 4-3/4 and 2. 1m, 26.06s. ₹186 (w), 15, 12 and 11 (p). SHP: 26, THP: 44, SHW: 50 and 13, FP: 1,394, Q: 348, Tanala: 2,585. Favourite: Gretsy.

Owner: Mr. B.E. Vasanth Kumar. Trainer: B. Mukesh Kumar.

2. LOYAL MANZAR PLATE: GRAND DUKE (Md. Ekram Alam) 1, Capital Gain (Tograllu) 2, Sucker Punch (Vivek G) 3 and Aerial Combat (Akshay Kumar) 4. Neck, 1/2 and 3/4. 1m, 42.53s. ₹26 (w), 12, 22 and 17 (p). SHP: 80, THP: 64, FP: 457, Q: 328, Tanala: 3,782. Favourite: Aerial Combat.

Owner: M.A.M.Ramaswamy Chettiar Of Chettinad Charitable Trust. Trainer: K. Satheesh.

3. NIZAMABAD PLATE: MAVERICK (A. Imran Khan) 1, Colt Pistol (Vivek G) 2, Pontefract (Md. Ekram Alam) 3 and Tripurari (Surya Prakash) 4. Not run: Lights On. 6-1/2, 1-1/2 and 1/2. 1m, 13.26s. ₹13 (w), 10, 16 and 13 (p). SHP: 31, THP: 42, SHW: 13 and 25, FP: 39, Q: 34, Tanala: 65. Favourite: Maverick.

Owner: Mr. S. Pathy. Trainer: M.R. Chauhan.

4. NOBLE QUEST PLATE: DECCAN SPIRIT (A. Imran Khan) 1, Brooklyn Beauty (Kuldeep Singh (Sr)) 2, Toffee (Akshay Kumar) 3 and Final Judgement (Kuldeep Singh (Jr)) 4. 3-1/4, 2-1/4 and 3/4. 1m, 27.70s. ₹31 (w), 10, 12 and 12 (p). SHP: 36, THP: 41, SHW: 14 and 20, FP: 165, Q: 61, Tanala: 260. Favourite: Toffee.

Owners: Mr. Shailendra Singh & Mr. K. Ram Gopal Rao. Trainer: Magan Singh.

5. SADDLE UP PLATE: SOUND ECHO (Vivek G) 1, It's My Lfe (Ajay Kumar) 2, Creative Art (Santosh Raj) 3 and My Master (R.S. Jodha) 4. Not run: Blue Brigade. 9-1/2, 2 and 5-3/4. 1m, 14.63s. ₹19 (w), 11, 10 and 19 (p). SHP: 29, THP: 55, SHW: 18 and 17, FP: 55, Q: 36, Tanala: 337. Favourite: Sound Echo.

Owner: Col. K.S. Garcha. Trainer: Magan Singh.

6. TELANGANA RACE HORSE OWNERS ASSOCIATION TROPHY: CITY OF BLISS (Ajay Kumar) 1, Beauty Blaze (Md. Ismail) 2, Soloist (Abhay Singh) 3 and Kingston (R.S. Jodha) 4. 3-1/4, 2 and Shd. 1m, 23.66s. ₹91 (w), 32, 15 and 29 (p). SHP: 36, THP: 85, SHW: 47 and 19, FP: 543, Q: 243, Tanala: 5,329. Favourite: Beauty Blaze.

Owner: Mr. K. Thribhuvan Reddy. Trainer: N. Rawal.

7. GOODWOOD PLATE: LAURUS (Santosh Raj N.R.) 1, Sun Dancer (Afroz Khan) 1, Its On (Abhay Singh) 3 and Miss Marvellous (A.A. Vikrant) 4. Dead Heat, 1-1/2 and 2-1/2. 1m, 26.79s. ₹53, 48 (w), 33, 39 and 54 (p). THP: 97, FP: 1,622, 1,355, Q: 1,549, Tanala: c/o. Favourite: Miss Marvellous.

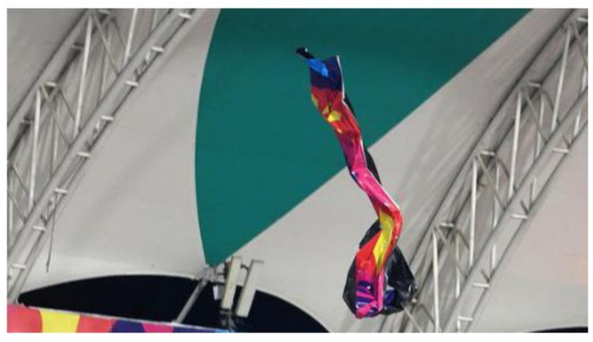
Owners: Laurus: Mr. Ashok Kumar Gupta & Mr. Rafaat Hussain and Sun Dancer: Mr. Atul Bhanu Sanghani, Mr. Keerthi Narasimhachar, Mr. Ketineni Sayaji Rao & Mr. Rajesh Sanghani. Trainer: Laurus: R.H. Sequeira and Sun Dancer: L. D'Silva.

Jackpot: 70%: ₹56, 686 (5 tkts.) / 28,343 (10 tkts.) & 30%: 938 (259 tkts.).

Treble: (i) 155 (236 tkts.), (ii) 1,675 & 2,512.

FALLING APART

Strong wind topples hoardings at the Ekana stadium



As the Sri Lankan innings was unravelling against Australia at the Ekana stadium on Monday, a strong gust of wind led to parts of the WC branding falling off from the roof. Hoardings fell in the rows of seats directly below. The public address system advised the fans to vacate the seats in the first few rows and occupy the seats higher up.

PUSHING THROUGH

I was under the weather before the Sri Lanka game, reveals Zampa

Adam Zampa was not at his physical best during his match-winning performance against Sri Lanka on Monday. "I did a gym session a couple of nights ago and I don't know if it was a back spasm, but I was under the weather the last couple of days. I had to do fitness tests before the game today," he said.

BALD AND BEAUTIFUL

Dharamshala outfield probably better than most: Netherlands coach

The patchy and not-so-lush outfield at Dharamshala has caused much consternation among sides but Netherlands coach Ryan Cook is content with what is being offered. "We look at this outfield with a bit of glee, because this is probably better than most of the outfields that we play on anyway," Cook said on Monday.

QUIET CONFIDENCE

We won't take them lightly, says Bavuma about the Dutchmen

Temba Bavuma said the defeat to Netherlands in last year's T20 World Cup will have no bearing on Tuesday's match. "We definitely won't be taking them lightly. A 50-over World Cup is a different ask in terms of your skills. We played them in South Africa [March-April 2023] and our victories were emphatic."

Zampa triggers Lanka's fall before Marsh, Inglis give Aussies first win

The leggie's four-for sees the island nation lose nine wickets for 52 runs and get bundled out for 209; the opener regains his touch to spearhead the chase while the wicketkeeper's innings seals the deal for Cummins' men; Mendis' team suffers third successive defeat

ODI WORLD CUP

Dhruva Prasad
LUCKNOW

It took an apocalyptic dust storm and a freak bout of rain for Australia to get its World Cup campaign back on track with a five-wicket win against Sri Lanka at the Bharat Ratna Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Ekana Cricket Stadium here on Monday.

While it wasn't exactly the statement win the Aussies were looking for after two successive defeats, the return of Mitchell Marsh (52, 51b, 9x4) to his characteristic best and Adam Zampa (four for 47) to his wicket-taking form were positives they would settle for.

Maxwell also found his mojo with an unbeaten 21-ball 31 as Australia rushed to the target in 35.2 overs.

After David Warner and Steve Smith were trapped by Dilshan Madushanka in the same over, Marsh and Labuschagne steadied the ship with a 57-run stand. Marsh was aggressive against pace and spin as Australia ransacked 64 runs in the first PowerPlay – 45 of them coming off the opener's blade.

While Labuschagne picked the gaps and rotated the strike, Josh Inglis (58, 59b, 5x4, 1x6) took on the role of the aggressor after Marsh was run out. The wicketkeeper-batter punished the short stuff on his way to a 46-ball half-century. Both Labuschagne and Inglis couldn't take Australia home but their knocks were enough to close the door on Sri Lanka.

Earlier, after being asked to bowl, Australia's desperation was in plain sight as Mitchell Starc frittered away a review off the first ball and issued a stern warning in the same over to Kusal Perera for backing up too far. Barring Labuschagne's spilt catch to reprieve Pathum Nissanka on 43, those two instances were as close as Australia came to picking a wicket in the first 21 overs.

Busy bee: Inglis' innings helped Australia sustain the momentum after it lost Marsh. SANDEEP SAXENA

Nissanka and Perera had blunted the pace trio of Starc, Josh Hazlewood and Pat Cummins during a 125-run opening stand before Warner's brilliance in the field gave Australia its first success as Nissanka miscued a short ball from Cummins.

After Nissanka fell, Perera showcased his ability to read lengths quickly by pulling Hazlewood behind square-leg and then in front of it for consecutive fours.

Cummins had his second scalp when he hit the perfect length and moved the ball into Perera.

Captain Kusal Mendis was the second victim of Warner's acrobatics, prompting the day's loudest cheer from a sparse crowd. Zampa, who had been flayed for 22 runs in his first three overs, redeemed himself with that dismissal.

The leg-spinner hastened the collapse with three more wickets, trapping right-handers in front with his googlies.

Sri Lanka lost nine wickets for 52 runs and its capitulation almost matched the drama of an aberrant 30-minute spell of rain and winds that picked apart the tournament branding at the venue.

Points table

	M	W	L	PTS	NRR
India	3	3	0	6	1.821
New Zealand	3	3	0	6	1.604
South Africa	2	2	0	4	2.360
Pakistan	3	2	1	4	-0.137
England	3	1	2	2	-0.084
Afghanistan	3	1	2	2	-0.652
Bangladesh	3	1	2	2	-0.699
Australia	3	1	2	2	-0.734
Sri Lanka	3	0	3	0	-1.532
Netherlands	2	0	2	0	-1.800

SCOREBOARD

SRI LANKA
Pathum Nissanka c Warner b Cummins 61 *(67b, 8x4)*, Kusal Perera b Cummins 78 *(82b, 12x4)*, Kusal Mendis c Warner b Zampa 9 *(13b)*, Sadeera Samarawickrama lbw b Zampa 8 *(8b, 1x4)*, Charith Asalanka c Labuschagne b Maxwell 25 *(39b, 1x6)*, Dhananjaya de Silva b Starc 7 *(13b, 1x4)*, Dunith Wellalage run out 2 *(9b)*, Chamika Karunaratne lbw b Zampa 2 *(11b)*, Maheesh Theekshana lbw b Zampa 0 *(5b)*, Lahiru Kumara b Starc 4 *(8b, 1x4)*, Dilshan Madushanka (not out) 0 *(6b)*; Extras (b-2, lb-2, w-9): 13; Total (in 43.3 overs): 209.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-125 (Nissanka, 21.4 overs), 2-157 (Perera, 26.2), 3-165 (Mendis, 27.6), 4-166 (Samarawickrama, 29.1), 5-178 (Dhananjaya, 32.3), 6-184 (Wellalage, 34.5), 7-196 (Karunaratne, 37.6), 8-199 (Theekshana, 39.2), 9-204 (Kumara, 40.5).

AUSTRALIA BOWLING
Starc 10-0-43-2, Hazlewood 7-1-36-0, Cummins 7-0-32-2, Maxwell 9.3-0-36-1, Zampa 8-1-47-4, Stoinis 2-0-11-0.

AUSTRALIA
Mitchell Marsh run out 52 *(51b, 9x4)*, David Warner lbw b Madushanka 11 *(6b, 1x6)*, Steve Smith lbw b Madushanka 0 *(5b)*, Marnus Labuschagne c Karunaratne b Madushanka 40 *(60b, 2x4)*, Josh Inglis c Theekshana b Wellalage 58 *(59b, 5x4, 1x6)*, Glenn Maxwell (not out) 31 *(21b, 4x4, 2x6)*, Marcus Stoinis (not out) 20 *(10b, 2x4, 1x6)*; Extras (w-3): 3; Total (for five wkts. in 35.2 overs): 215.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-24 (Warner, 3.1), 2-24 (Smith, 3.6), 3-81 (Marsh, 14.3), 4-158 (Labuschagne, 28.5), 5-192 (Inglis, 33.1).

SRI LANKA BOWLING
Kumara 4-0-47-0, Madushanka 9-2-38-3, Theekshana 7-0-49-0, Wellalage 9.2-0-53-1, Karunaratne 3-0-15-0, Dhananjaya 3-0-13-0.

Toss: Sri Lanka.
PoM: Zampa.
Australia won by five wickets with 14.4 overs to spare.

Next assignment

AUSTRALIA: October 20 vs. **Pakistan,** *Bengaluru, 2 p.m.*

SRI LANKA: October 21 vs. **Netherlands,** *Lucknow, 10.30 a.m.*

A record nine for Australia against SL

Lalith Kalidas
CHENNAI

Australia recorded its ninth win over Sri Lanka, the most by a team against a single opponent in World Cups. The Aussies have also registered eight wins each against India, New Zealand and Zimbabwe.

Australia has now conceded five 100-plus opening partnerships since the 2019 World Cup. In the first 11 editions, there were only two 100-plus stands for the first wicket against the Aussies.

Sri Lanka's collapse from 125 for no loss to 209 is the worst in the World Cup since 2011. The previous one was by Bangladesh which lost 10 wickets for 64 runs against South Africa in Mirpur.

Steve Smith fell for a duck in ODIs for the third time in 2023, the most for him in a calendar year.

Adam Zampa's four for 47 is his best figures in the ODI World Cup.

South Africa starts favourite against spirited Netherlands

Point to prove: Netherlands skipper Edwards would hope his team puts on a good show against South Africa. R. V. MOORTHY

N. Sudarshan

Though the men's Cricket World Cup started over 10 days ago, it was not until last weekend that it truly came alive.

On Saturday, India and Pakistan sparred in front of a sell-out crowd, with the match even featuring a glitzy pre-game show, usually the preserve of tournament-openers. Then on Sunday, Afghanistan dished out the first upset of the edition, soundly beating defending champion England.

On Tuesday, the Netherlands will look to join the party and rev up the festivities when it takes on the mighty South Africa at the HPCA Stadium in Dharamshala. Having lost their opening two fixtures, the Dutch are desperate to prove that they are not here to just make up the numbers. However, it is unlikely that the Proteas will allow them the bragging rights for a second time in two ICC events.

In the Men's T20 World Cup last year in Australia, Netherlands stunned South Africa by 13 runs and sent the fancied side tumbling out of the competition. But Temba Bavuma's men appear transformed this time around and have shown their pedigree by recording thumping wins over Sri Lanka and Australia.

The batting unit, led by the irresistible Quinton de Kock (two centuries in two innings) and Aiden Markram (century and a fifty), has been explosive so far, ably backed by the bowling line-up comprising Kagiso Rabada and Lungi Ngidi.

Netherlands played well in patches in the defeats to Pakistan and New Zealand, but the challenge against elite opposition in a relatively long-drawn format –compared to Twenty20s –is to sustain the intensity. It will help if seam-bowling all-rounder Logan van Beek returns from injury, though it would take a brave person to bet against the marauding South Africans.

The one source of worry for Bavuma will be the wet weather in Dharamshala. The Rainbow Nation has a troubled history with rain, especially in World Cup cricket. But this time, its on-field excellence should have the final say.

Today's match

South Africa vs. Netherlands
Dharamshala, **2 p.m.**

H2H IN ODIs
Played **7**

South Africa	Netherlands	NR
6	0	1

EYE ON THE SKY
High: **27**°C
Low: **13**°C
Thunderstorm with rain
SOURCE: IMD

The tournament, despite its 'early days' caveat, has finally come alive!

K.C. Vijaya Kumar
PUNE

World Cups are not entirely about who triumphs in the end. These multi-nation championships are also about those stunning delights. These may seem microscopic in the larger scheme of things, but obviously their effects are macroscopic for the concerned team that sprung a surprise against a strong rival. And therein lies the charm.

Years down the line, there could be a trivia question in a random quiz about Afghanistan's stunning dismantling of England at Delhi's Arun Jaitley Stadium on a feverish Sunday. However, there is no mistaking the aura this upset will acquire back home in a rugged landscape especially with urban spaces like Kabul and Kandahar further embellishing the collective memory of the Afghans.

Sports at its best is the elixir of unpredictability even if teams or an individual acquire streaks of dominance, which in turn becomes a comfort pillow for millions of fans. Even when there is a touch of monopoly, it is the rebellion of the underdog against the established order that adds zest to the consumption of any athletic endeavour moisturised by sweat, elevated by enormous self-belief and powered by a sense of magic.

India's rousing 1983 World Cup win is all the more sweeter because it came at the expense of the then reigning champion – the West Indies. That incredible night at Lord's has found a constant echo over the years, be it through nostalgia, sporting literature like newspaper features and books, and even provided fodder for a film. More than 10 days since the first ball was bowled in the latest ICC World Cup, it is now Afghanistan's turn to stun and stage a coup, that too against defending champion England.

India, all dominance and swagger now, has also been at the receiving end in the past. The loss to Zimbabwe in the 1999 World Cup in England or the stumble against Bangladesh in the 2007 World Cup in the West Indies, have left forever scars. In the current edition, rivals on an even keel can cause mild tremors like New Zealand's win over England in the tournament opener at Ahmedabad. But the script acquires an ominous note when a lesser fancied unit reveals fangs.

Rahmanullah Gurbaz, Mujeeb Ur Rahman and Rashid Khan combined well to alter England's best-laid plans. Afghanistan has the ability within its ranks and this is an outfit here on merit while the West Indies failed to qualify! With Australia placed in the bottom half of the table, this World Cup despite its 'early days' caveat, has finally come alive.

Meanwhile, the Men in Blue are in Pune, resting a bit, and also fine-tuning strategies for the road ahead in a long tournament that will conclude on November 19. Even in the 2011 World Cup, eventual champion India lost an earlier league clash against South Africa. These are reality checks that the team will be conscious about especially when rivals like New Zealand, England and South Africa await on the path ahead. There is also the fine-print about India last winning an ICC title, the Champions Trophy, in 2013, and this long gap needs to be addressed.

Magical night: The Afghanistan bowlers cast a spell over England. R.V. MOORTHY

Cricket gets a shot in the arm as IOC approves it for 2028 LA Olympics

Besides the willow game, which will be played in the T20 format, squash, baseball/softball, lacrosse and flag football included by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) during its 141st session; cricket will be a six-team affair with IOC or the ICC yet to decide on a qualifier format

IOC SESSION

Ayon Sengupta
MUMBAI

New frontiers: Cricket's inclusion in the Olympics will provide a much-needed base for the sport to tap into fresh fans from across the globe. AFP

Cricket's return to the Olympics after 128 years at the 2028 Olympics Games was a foregone conclusion.

However, the LA Local Organising Committee's (LALOG) proposal to include the sport, along with four others (squash, baseball/softball, lacrosse and flag football), failed to receive unanimous support at the International Olympic Committee's 141st Session here as two of the 99 members voted against it.

"To have the opportunity to showcase our great sport at the LA28 Games and hopefully many Olympic Games to come will be great for players and fans alike," International Cricket Committee Chairman Greg Barclay said.

The cricket event will be a six-team affair with IOC or the ICC yet to decide on a qualifier format.

There's excitement among the LA organising committee about cricket's presence in the Games and Italian Triple Olympic gold medallist and Sports Director LALOG Niccolo Campriani hoped cricket will help the Olympic movement find newer fans, tapping into the mass hysteria the sport generates in the Indian subcontinent.

"Think [about] my friend here Virat (Kohli). He's the third-most followed athlete in the world on social media with 314 million followers. That's more than LeBron James, Tom Brady and Tiger Woods combined. This is the ultimate win-win for LA 28," Campriani said on the sidelines of the session.

India's unexpected triumph over a star-studded West Indies at the 1983 men's ODI World Cup final had catapulted the popularity of cricket in the country, dwarfing every other sport. However, despite its growing grip over the public conscience in the subcontinent, cricket, for years, has struggled to break newer grounds and create a larger footprint across the globe.

Kapil Dev believes the sport's re-entry into the Olympic fold will help finally broad base the sport. "It is a big development for cricket. It will become global and attract more nations to play the game. There is no bigger stage than the Olympics to showcase your talent. Cricket will grow hugely when it is watched by sports lovers from all over the world," said Kapil.

Cricket's inclusion was made possible after two years of intense backchannel work between the IOC and the ICC with Nita Ambani, an IOC member from India since 2016, playing a key role in building up a consensus for the sport among the Olympic community.

"We are all delighted that cricket has been included as an Olympic sport. The sport's inclusion will increase engagement [of the Olympic movement] with South Asian countries, not just with 1.4 billion Indians. It's a very welcome decision for all the cricket-loving nations," Nita said.

"Ever since I became part of the IOC, I've been pushing for the IOC to include cricket in their Olympic program," she added. "I'm delighted that this historic resolution was passed at the 141st IOC Session taking place right here and also at a time when we are hosting the cricket World Cup."

"Every Olympic sport in India will benefit from the added viewership that cricket will bring to the programme. This gives us a chance to showcase the Olympics to a larger audience and convert them into fans," IOA Vice President Gagan Narang said.

"We are also excited about the knowledge sharing with the BCCI and the opportunity to learn from them to maximise the financial potential of sports and implement their best practices at the IOA and other sports bodies."

INBRIEF

Ronaldinho joins the Durga Puja celebrations in Kolkata

Ronaldinho, the virtuoso Brazilian forward, arrived in Kolkata to a cheerful welcome from hundreds of Selecao fans and set in motion the Durga Puja celebrations. The former World Cup-winning forward from Brazil got busy inaugurating a host of Durga Puja pandals across the city, which dominated his itinerary on the first day of his two-day visit to the city. Ronaldinho also inaugurated the Indian franchise of his R10 Academy which is now a part of the Merlin Rise-Sports Republic. With his local promoter cramming overlapping programmes in his schedule, he had a brief stay at the only football engagement of the day and left early without conducting the promised football clinic. This did not go well with academy trainees and coaches.

Ramachandran and Joshna thrilled at squash getting the nod

K. Keerthivasan
CHENNAI

Joshna and Ramachandran. FILE PHOTO

Former World Squash Federation persident N. Ramachandran remembers the time when he attended the IOC session in Singapore in 2005 as "a young vice-president of WSF".

"The IOC session had Sussie Simcock, the then president of WSF, and the legendary Jahangir Khan in attendance. But in those days, we required a two-thirds majority among the IOC members for a sport to get into the Olympics. Unfortunately, we didn't get that," he said.

He said that during his two terms as WSF president (2008 & 12), he did his best to get the sport into the Olympics, but in vain.

Dream come true

"I would like to thank US Squash and Los Angeles Olympic Committee and the World Squash Federation for recommending squash and thrilled to see squash being part of LA 2028. It has been my dream to have squash in Olympics and I am so happy and proud of the part I've played," he said.

Joshna Chinappa is also excited and thrilled to see the sport in the Olympics. The 37-year-old, a former World top-10 player, who was part of the women's team that won bronze at the Hangzhou Asian Games said: "It was a long-time coming and I am looking forward to it."

Joshna said the mere thought of playing in Olympics in 2028 is exciting. "Just thinking of the possibility as a player in Los Angeles is exciting. Five years is a long time. I am motivated to see if there is a possibility," she said.

'Purpose of including cricket was to bring high profile players'

Jonathan Selvaraj
MUMBAI

Exchanging pleasantries: Bach and Nita Ambani during the Reliance Foundationk—Olympic Values Education Programme. ANI

Cricket's return to the Olympics after a lengthy break owes much to the growth of the sport and particularly the rising popularity of the T20 format.

IOC president Thomas Bach, responding to a query about cricket's exclusion from the Games for the previous 125 years, said: "Cricket has evolved very much in recent years. I can't speak about 50 years before. What I can see is that this great development of cricket and we have been made aware of this not just in India but beyond by our IOC member, Nita Ambani. We have seen the figures developing. We had a discussion with the Organising Committee of Los Angeles, and everything came together."

The IOC, however, has made it clear it is including cricket (and indeed baseball) under the assumption that the biggest names will take part. "The expectation is that the ICC will provide the best players for the Olympics. This will be monitored carefully," Karl Stoss, chair, Olympic programme commission, said.

The IOC President, though, steered clear of any conservations on the consequences of what will happen if top international cricketers give the quadrennial Games a miss.

"That is a hypothetical. Right now, we have no reason to think that the top cricketers would not want to be part of the Olympics," Bach said.

He also insisted that cricket's inclusion was not driven by commercial interests, though media reports have suggested a manifold increase in IOC's revenue from the LA Games because of cricket.

"This [increase in revenue from the introduction of cricket] is not the first consideration. This can be a consequence [of the decision to include cricket] of course. The most important argument is that we have seen the growing international character of cricket," Bach said.

Host Punjab scuttles Bengal's chances

SANTOSH TROPHY

Sports Bureau

Host Punjab blanked former 32-time champion West Bengal 3-0 in a Group 'B' match of the 77th Santosh Trophy National football championship in Banga on Monday.

Out of the race

Bengal, which is now in fourth spot with five points (1 win, 2 draws, 1 loss) in the group, is out of the race for a final-phase berth.

Delhi, which defeated Ladakh 3-1, is on top of the six-team group with 10 points while Odisha (nine points) climbed to the second rung after blanking Haryana 2-0.

Punjab is now third with six points.

The results (league):

Group B: Punjab 3 (Mohammed Asif Khan 21, Akashdeep Singh 48, Sukhmanpreet Singh 88) bt West Bengal 0.

Delhi 3 (Neeraj Bhandari 29, Dishant Negi 62, Jaideep Singh 86) bt Ladakh 1 (Abid Ali 19).

Odisha 2 (Harjinder Singh 44, Dinabandhu Das 48) bt Haryana 0.

BCCI welcomes cricket's inclusion in the Olympics

Sports Bureau
MUMBAI

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has welcomed cricket's re-inclusion in the Olympics after more than a century.

"The BCCI has been a staunch supporter of the ICC's efforts to include cricket as an Olympic sport. We are thrilled to witness this momentous occasion, which marks a significant milestone for the sport," BCCI secretary Jay Shah said on Monday. "Our active participation has been instrumental in promoting the case for cricket's inclusion in Olympics."

While the International Cricket Council has been pushing for cricket's inclusion in the Olympics for a decade now, the BCCI, ever since Shah took over as the secretary, has given a much-needed push for the 'Cricket in Olympics' movement.

Shah was the chief of ICC's working group that dealt with the IOC before cricket was inducted into the LA Olympics 2028 on Monday. He was confident the decision would expand the game's horizon.

"The inclusion of cricket in the Olympics is set to open new frontiers for the sport, providing unparalleled exposure in untapped global markets. Moreover, we anticipate that this decision will yield significant financial dividends and have a profound positive impact on our sport's ecosystem," Shah said. "It will fuel infrastructural development, intensify competition and foster youth development."

Scotland, Spain and Turkey make the grade

EURO QUALIFIERS

Agence France-Presse
PARIS

Spain clinched its place at Euro 2024 on Sunday after a 1-0 win away to Norway, also sending Scotland through from Group A as Turkey joined the growing ranks of qualifiers.

Turkey capped off a momentous week in which it was announced as co-hosts of Euro 2032 with Italy, by turning on the style in the closing minutes to beat Latvia 4-0..

The results:

Group A: Georgia 4 (Kiteishvili 46, Kvaratskhelia 58, Shengelia 82, Mikautadze 90+5-pen) bt Cyprus 0; Norway 0 lost to Spain 1 (Gavi 49).

D: Turkey 4 (Akgun 58, Tosun 84 & 90+2, Akturkoglu 88) Latvia 0; Wales 2 (Wilson 47 & 60) bt Croatia 1 (Pasalic 75).

E: Poland 1 (Swiderski 53) drew with Moldova 1 (Nicolaescu 26); Czech Republic 1 (Soucek 76-pen) bt Faroe Islands 0.

I: Switzerland 3 (Shaqiri 28, Akanji 89, Amdouni 90) drew with Belarus 3 (Ebong 61, Polyakov 69, Antilevski 84); Romania 4 (Stanciu 23, Hagi 28, R. Marin 44-pen, Coman 50) bt Andorra 0.

KARNATAKA ROUND-UP

DYES' spikers begin well

MYSURU: DYES, Bengaluru overcame Dakshina Kannada 21-25, 25-21, 25-20, 25-23 in men's volleyabll on the inaugural day of the Dasara CM Cup 2023 for elite teams.

The results:

Men: Football: Hassan bt Davangere 4-1; Mysuru bt Uttara Kannada 2-1. **Hockey:** Dharwad bt Belagavi 3-0; Mysuru bt Shivamogga 4-2. **Kho-Kho:** Raichur by Haveri 12-11; Dharwad bt Bengaluru 16-14. **Netball:** Dakshina Kannada by Chamarajamagar 49-37; Bengaluru Rural bt Ramnagar 27-6. **Volleyball:** DYES, Bengaluru bt Dakshina Kannada 21-25, 25-21, 25-20, 25-23; Ramnagar bt Haveri 25-20, 25-19, 25-16.

Women: Hockey: Mysuru bt Belagavi 7-0, Bagalkot bt Haveri 4-0; Dakshina Kannada by Kodagu 6-2. **Kho-Kho:** Yadgir bt Bengaluru 6-5: Dharwad bt Bagalkot 12-7. **Netball:** Mysuru bt Ramnagar 23-15. **Volleyball:** Dharwad bt Udupi 25-23, 25-22; Bengaluru City bt Belagavi 25-23, 10-25, 15-12; Mysuru bt Ramnagar 25-7, 25-9.

South United FC puts it across BUFC

BENGALURU: South United FC defeated BUFC 2-0 in the BDFA Super Division football league on Monday.

The results: South United FC 2 (Ishaan Sahi 20, Rungsing Muinao 45) bt BUFC 0; Kodagu FC 1 (Arun Lal 58) drew with HAL 1 (Johny Kom 65).

Six Karnataka players in bronze medal-winning World tenniquoits championships team

Karnataka's Kiran Kumar, Murugesan, Saanvi Naveen, G.K. Darshini, Likitha Umesh and Crystal Victor were part of the Indian contingent which won a senior category bronze at the fifth World tenniquoits championships in South Africa.

ITF Dharwad Men's World Tennis Tour from today

DHARWAD: The ITF Dharwad Men's World Tennis Tour event will commence at the Dharwad District Lawn Tennis Association courts on Tuesday.

The $25,000 prize money event marks the first of four international tennis events in Karnataka played under the aegis of Karnataka State Lawn Tennis Association.

USA's Nick Chappell is the top seed, while India's Digvijay Singh and Asian Games 2022 silver medallist Ramkumar Ramanathan are seeded third and fourth respectively. Bogdan Bobrov is seeded second.

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CRICKET WORLD CUP
TRIVIA CHALLENGE
1. Which Australian off-spinner was sent to South Africa as a replacement for Shane Warne, who was suspended before the 2003 ODI World Cup?
2. Name the Indian bowler who dismissed Aamir Sohail in the 1996 ODI World Cup quarterfinal match?
3. During which edition of the ODI World Cup did the tournament take place outside of England for the first time?
Visit bit.ly/wctcterms to read the Terms & Conditions.
Scan the QR code to participate in the quiz. Top 3 winners each day will win exciting gift vouchers
Answer to yesterday's quiz:
1. Heath Streak
2. 50
3. Chris Gayle